Remote Lighting Controller

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Optional Meteorological Pack

(Pole Mounted)

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1 Overview

FEC's Remote Lighting Controller is an all new, fully digital design that combines ease of installation and use with sophisticated yet simple and secure configuration via the IP65 rated keypad and LCD display or via SMS.

1.1 Key Features

- Traditional VHF Pilot Controlled Lighting (PLC) configuration
- Simple frequency setting through front panel – no fiddly switches
- Defined number of presses to activate Channels 1, 2 or 3
- Programmable timeout for VHF, keypad and GSM activation
- VHF operation can be remotely enabled/disabled for extra security
- FCC/EU approved, Integrated tri-band GSM Telemetry Engine for SMS control
- Secure PIN code protected SMS commands to monitor and control your installation
- Secure SMS status reporting – check out your installation before taking off
- Remotely activate Channels 1, 2 or 3 and have the status sent straight back to your mobile
- Three 20 Amp heavy duty relays in the box – Enables linked peripheral shutdown
- Local and remote test and diagnostics integrated into the unit
- Very low power consumption – Approx. 3W (idle) and less than 30W max. (including internal winter heater)
- Operates from 110-240V AC 50-60Hz or 12V DC (ideal for solar and batteries)
- Weather station interface for meteorological information from your helipad

Options

- Wireless Battery 'HeliLight' control (not in USA)

1.2 Part Numbers

Standard Equipment

Combined VHF and SMS Unit	VHF Only Unit	SMS Only Unit
HP0656	HP0657	HP0658

Optional Extras

Remote/Mimic Panel	Meteorological Station	Secondary Circuit Current Measurement
HP0655	HP0659	HPTBC

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2 Architecture of Remote Lighting Controller

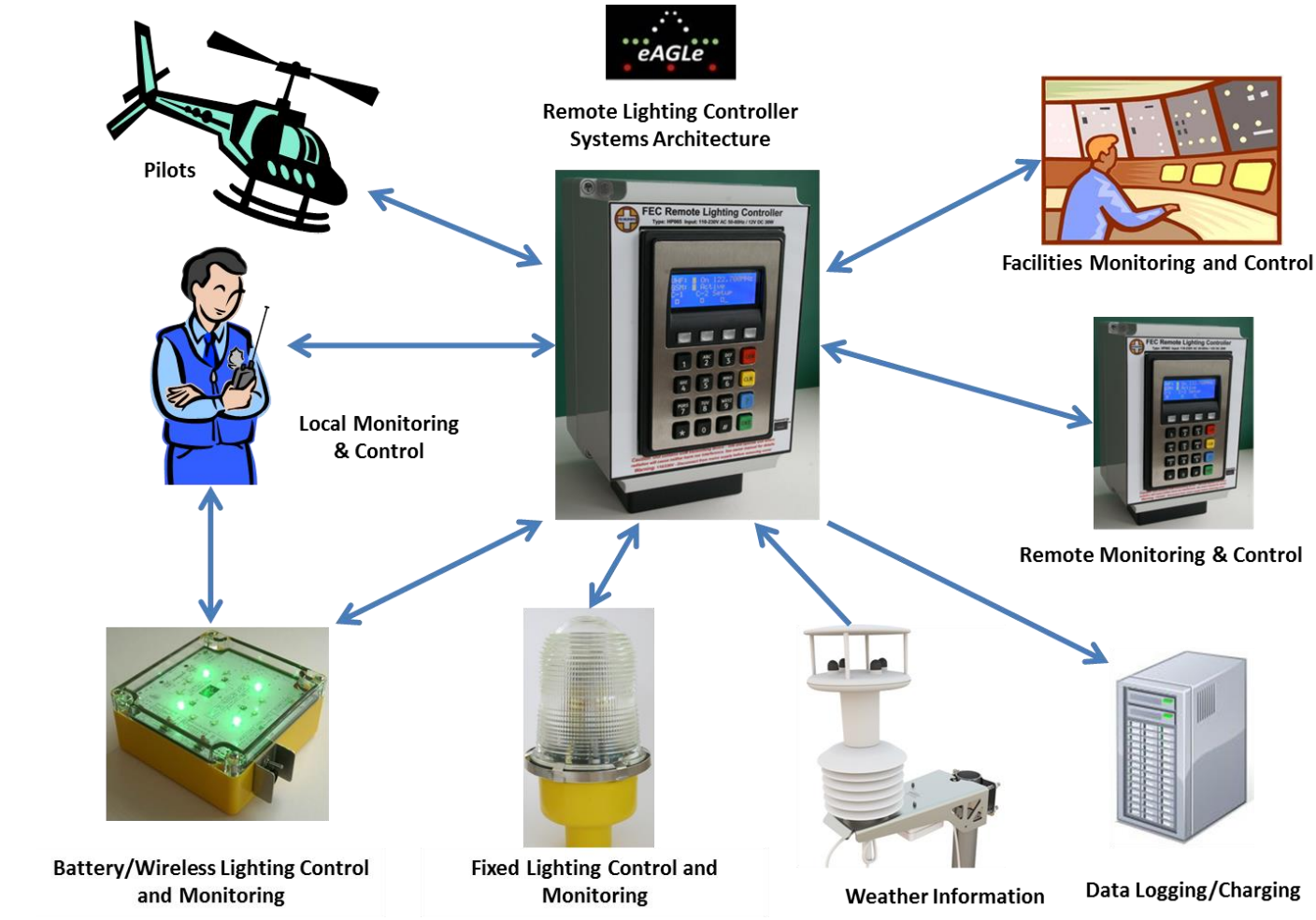
Effective operator or pilot control of Helipad Lighting is critical to the safe operation of an installation and traditional Radio Pilot Controlled Lighting (PCL) solutions using the VHF radio is a tried and trusted method.

Now there is a new way to control your lighting and peripheral circuits using FEC's new Remote Lighting Controller (RLC) which integrates both traditional VHF PCL and adds SMS control and monitoring with the option of automatic weather reporting (wind speed/direction, temperature, dew point and pressure) right from your helipad.

FEC's Remote Lighting Controller sits at the heart of a monitoring and control capability bringing together for the first time remote lighting control, helipad weather and system reporting.

The architecture can be used simply to control lights or, with additional meterological sensors, to provide richer monitoring and reporting both by helipad operators and other agencies.

All of these features are under the full and secure control of the owner/operator and are the basic building blocks on which future FEC developments will be built.



NB – Battery/Wireless (868MHz UHF) not available in the USA (915MHz version in development)

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3 Principles of Operation

3.1 Keypad and LCD Display - Overview

The FEC RLC is fully configurable via the front panel keypad and screen.

All setup, test and monitoring of the controller is carried out via the front panel keypad and LCD display (many commands also possible remotely via SMS – see later section). There are no controls inside the case.

The menus are arranged in an hierarchical structure with a consistent presentation format and key operation. Extensive use is made of the 4 'Function Keys' above the main 16 key keypad and, in conjunction with changing legends on the screen, intuitively guide the user through the various steps.

The key features of the interface are shown left.

LCD Screen Common Layout

Line 1 indicates the menu level

Line 2 provides instruction

Line 3 Indicates the 'Function Keys' function

Line 4 identifies the keys and their status

Function Keys 1-4 (left to Right)

Data Entry Keypad

In the example to the left:

The 1st line indicates VHF Radio on 122.800MHz.

The 2nd line indicates GSM Radio on.

The 3rd line confirms the function of each key.

The 4th line represents the Function Keys.

Note that in some menus the boxes in the 4th line also give the current status of that function. For example, in the Test Output (O/P) test mode, the relays can be set and unset individually. As they change state the squares change from open to solid to indicate the active state.

Note that in some menus more information is provided and hence the exact layout above not followed. The approach is the same and where there are differences instructions provided.

F4, usually marked 'Exit', returns to the previous level in the menu and in many screens accepts the conditions set in that menu. If Marked 'Quit' then that screen is discarded before return.

Repeatedly pressing F4 will bring you back to the main menu.

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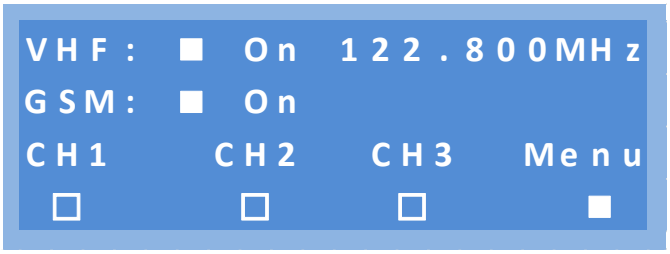
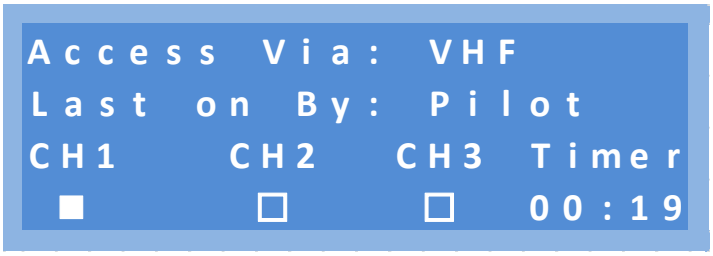
3.2 The Main Screen

The top menu is not really a menu at all but rather the main status display page with two main options: 1) select the menu or 2) directly activate a Channel.

By default the screen remains lit all of the time. To save power (particularly useful in battery powered installations) the LCD screen back-light can be set to 'Auto' in which case it goes out 30 seconds after the last key was pressed or the screen was refreshed. To re-activate the backlight, simply momentarily touch any key and the screen will light up for another 30 seconds. During an Active Period (when the controller has been commanded to turn on the lights) the screen is regularly updated with a down-count to the end of the Active Period and so the screen remains on. See section on system setup.

The screen provides all of the essential information to show the status of the system.





The screen on the left is showing the following:

Line 1: The VHF receiver is ON – shown by both the filled box and the word 'On' and the operating frequency is shown – in this example a US UNICOM frequency.

Line 2: The GSM receiver is ON - shown by both the filled box and the word 'On'.

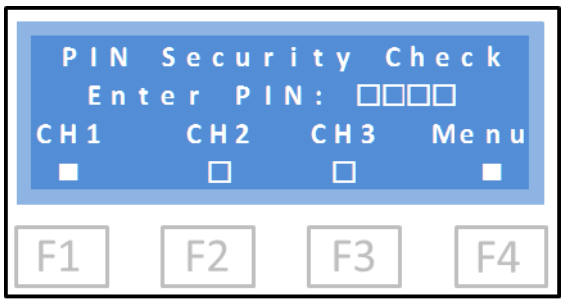
Line 3: Is the legend and functional description of the function keys

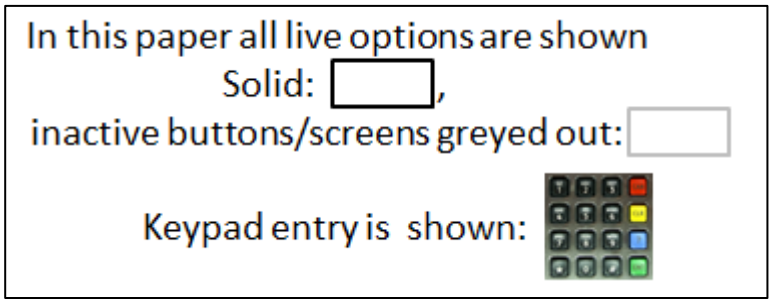
Line 4: Indicates the status of the channels. In this example, none are active (open boxes) and the Menu is available via the Function Key 4 below it.

In the screen on the right a Pilot has activated the system via VHF Channel 1 (Ch1) is active and the system menu is unavailable until the predefined time-out period. The timeout period is shown in the lower right corner of the screen, down counting every second.

3.2.1 Entering Menu Mode

To enter the Menu mode, simply press the function key (F4).





You will be taken immediately to the PIN challenge screen (above) to enter your security PIN.

Note that the representation above is used consistently throughout the manual. The FEC RLC adopts a set of simple but key principles in its mode of operation. These principles, which guide how the system works, are outlined below.

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3.3 General

The controller is designed to 'fail safe'. For example – If power is lost at any time, on resumption of power, the controller will re-start under the conditions it was in at the time of power failure: If the VHF receiver had previously been set to 'inactive' that is the state it will restart in.

There are a number of 'Types' of users of the system:

User – This is generally the pilot who has been given permission to use the system.

Operator – This is the owner or operator of the facility.

Agency – A third party who the operator wishes to be informed of operational activity.

Mimic – A designated mimic panel used to remotely control and report RLC activity

FEC – FEC have defined access to certain options (e.g. reset the Operators PIN).

OEM – The Original Equipment Manufacturer has defined access to perform diagnostic and support options.

The options available to FEC and OEM are explicitly defined as part of the supply agreement.

3.4 Channels

The RLC uses the concept of 'Channels' to control which of the control relays are activated by keypad and VHF commands.

The default settings are as follows:

Keypad Action	VHF Action	Default Relay Activated
Soft Key # 1 Pressed	3 'clicks'	Relay 1 activated
Soft Key # 2 Pressed	5 'clicks'	Relay 2 activated
Soft Key # 3 Pressed	7 'clicks'	Relay 3 activated

Note that any combination of relays can be activated instead of the defaults (see later section).

3.5 VHF Operation

If VHF is 'Active' then the controller will be activated if 3, 5 or 7 presses of the aircraft microphone switch are made in a 5 second period by an approaching pilot on frequency.

This will turn on whichever relay(s) have been assigned to channels 1, 2 or 3 respectively for a period previously set by the operator (default 15 minutes).

There is no restriction as to who can use the VHF part of the controller. If it is active and someone is on frequency they can operate it.

During this period the 'Menu' option is not available but additional channels can be activated by pressing the microphone switch again. Each time a channel is set the timeout period is reset.

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3.6 Keypad Operation

If the controller is at the main menu level (waiting for input) or a channel(s) is already active, pressing function button 1, 2 or 3 will invoke the PIN password challenge which, if successful, will then turn on Channels 1, 2 or 3.

Only a User or Operator with the correct password can activate the system in this way.

During this period the 'Menu' option is not available but additional channels can be activated by repeating the above action. Each time a channel is set the timeout period is reset.

3.7 Keypad Cancel

If any channel has been set On (via VHF, GSM or keypad) input the Operator can terminate the timeout period. To do this:

1) Press the <CAN> key
2) Enter Operator PIN

The timeout loop will be aborted and the system will return to the main menu.

Any other inputs or the wrong PIN will be ignored and the timeout continue.

3.8 GSM/SMS Operation

Operational activity is limited to the User and Operator only as follows:

Action	User	Operator	Comment
Obtain Status	√	√	All service requests require a correct PIN
Turn Channel(s) ON	√	√	
Turn Channel(s) OFF	√	√*	*Note a User can turn a channel OFF only if they previously turned it ON An Operator can always turn channels OFF irrespective of who turned it ON
Turn VHF Radio On/Off		√	
Set User, Operator and Mimic PINS		√	
Obtain Meteorological data	√	√	Only with optional Meteorological package
Confirm Meteorological Units		√	
Change Meteorological Units		√	e.g. wind speed from knots to mph
Obtain Help Menu	√	√	User receives 1 text of help, the Operator 2 covering the extended commands available

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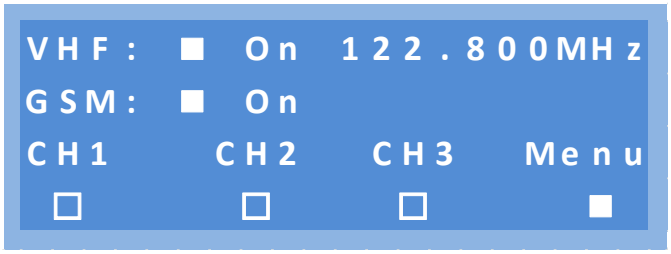
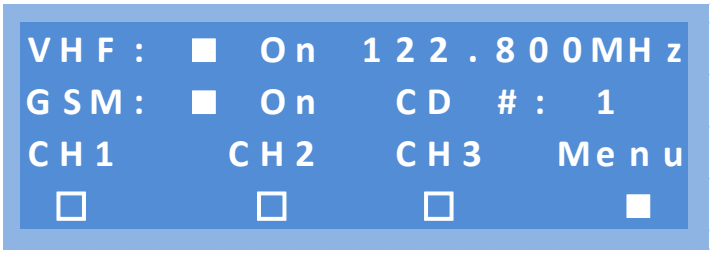
4 Normal Operation

4.1 Activation by VHF

When operating normally the screen will typically show the following (left):

The screen provides all of the essential information to s how the status of the system.





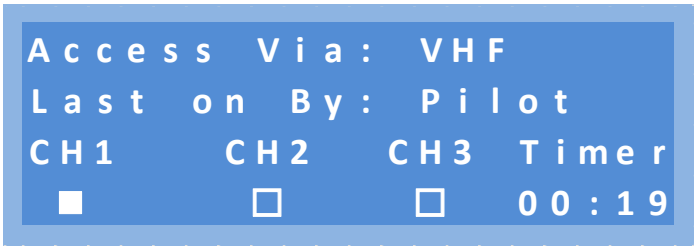
In this case Indicating that both VHF and GSM are ON but that no channel is active.

As soon as a VHF signal is detected on frequency the screen will immediately change to that on the right indicating 1 Carrier Detect (CD) activity.

During a 5 second period (a de-facto standard for Pilot Controlled Lighting) the system is counting 'clicks' from the pilot. The number of clicks (CD) received in the 5 second period is displayed as shown above and at the end of that period the following occurs:

Clicks	Action	Comment
1, 2, 4, 6 or 8 or more clicks	No action taken Return to standby	One click will be detected any time a pilot or ground station on frequency presses their push-to-talk microphone button.
3	Activate channel 1	See screen below
5	Activate channel 2	
7	Activate channel 3	

If no action is taken, the screen will return to that shown at the top of the page (left), or if a channel is activated, for example to one, shown below.



The above shows that Channel 1 is active (ON) and that the system is timing down. The time-out period is 0 minutes 19 seconds. At the end of this period the channel will be de-activated.

At any time the pilot can re-activate the same channel or activate a different channel by pressing their PTT again the required number of clicks. The channels requested will be activated and the time-out period begin counting down again.

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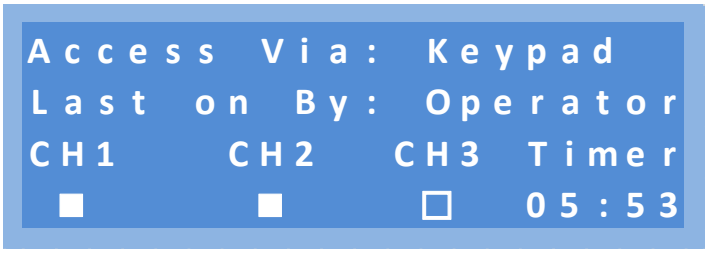
4.1.1 Activation by Keypad

At any time (other than during menu operations) touching any of the three 'channel' keys (F1 – F3) will immediately challenge for a PIN number. The system will accept either a valid User or Operator PIN. If a correct PIN number is given, the system will then activate the selected channel (and relays as defined by their mapping). This method of activation is a secure and convenient way of activating the lights if the helipad is manned.

Note that even if a channel has already been activated by a different user/route (as above), it is possible to re-activate the same channel (to extend the timeout period) or activate a different channel. In the example below the Operator has activated Channel 2 and reset the time-out.



The screen will display the status of the channels and also confirm that the latest activation is via the keypad and by either a User or the Operator (a function of the PIN code used).

The system will down-count for the time-out period just as it would for a VHF input.

Note that if the RLC is fitted with both VHF and GSM receivers and the 'Operator' number has been entered, the Operator will receive an SMS notification when a channel is activated via the keypad as well as VHF and GSM. This allows the Operator to maintain awareness of all channel activations however triggered.

With the exception of Keypad Cancel (see later section), once activated the Menu option is unavailable and any key presses on the keypad are ignored (other than F1 - F4 and <CAN>). This is a safety feature to ensure no compromise of the operation once initiated.

4.1.2 Keypad Cancel by Operator

At any time when the channel(s) are active the Operator can terminate the timeout period/turn the lights Off. To do this:

1) Press the <CAN> key
2) Enter the valid Operator PIN

The timeout loop will be aborted and the system will return to the main menu. Any other inputs or the wrong PIN will be ignored and the timeout continue.

Note that if the RLC is fitted with both VHF and GSM receivers and the 'Operator' number has been entered, the Operator will receive an SMS notification when a channel is de-activated via the keypad as well as GSM.

Note that if a User has activated a channel(s) (either by keypad or SMS) they will not receive confirmation that the channel(s) have been de-activated.

If used with a Mimic system, the Mimic will always receive notification of de-activation.

If an Agency number has been entered, The Agency will always receive notification of de-activation.

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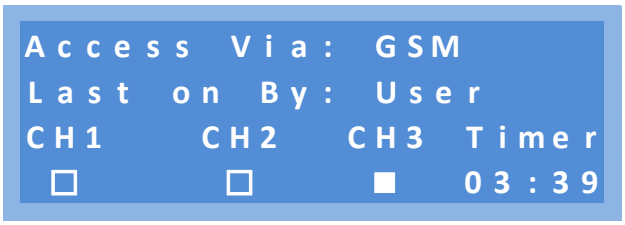
4.2 Activation by GSM/SMS

If a channel is activated by an SMS (see later section for format) then the following screen will appear.



Note that additional SMS may be sent to the unit so that, for example, if channel 3 has already been turned on (as above), channels 1 and/or 2 can then be also turned on. Note that each SMS can turn 1, or 3 channels on or off at one time.

If a User has activated the channel (with the correct User PIN) then the User can turn it off again.

To avoid a situation where a User has finished with the lights but not turned them off, the Operator can also turn the lights off even though it was a user who turned them on.

The Owner must be absolutely sure that the situation is safe for the lights to be turned off.

4.2.1 SMS Commands and Response (User)

As a User with the correct PIN you can:

1) Check the status of the system
2) Check meteorological units set
3) Obtain meteorological data (if optional meteorological package is fitted)
4) Turn channels On
5) Turn channels Off
6) Obtain a User help menu

4.2.2 SMS Commands and Response (User)

As an operator with the correct PIN you can:

1) Perform the User functions above
2) Turn the VHF Radio On/Off
3) Set new User, Operator and Mimic PINs
4) Change the reporting units of the Meteorological unit
5) Obtain both the User and Operator help menus

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4.2.3 User Example

A User of the system has been given the GSM (cell phone) number of the controller and the current PIN (in this case the default User PIN is 0000) and wishes to turn on channel 1.

Example 1 – Single Channel On and Off

To turn the lights ON the User sends the following SMS to the Controller:

U0000C1A

Note all commands start with the user type, in this case 'U' for User – in conjunction with the PIN this forms part of the security validation.

Next the PIN number is sent '0000', followed by the required action.

In our example we have asked for Channel 1 to be made Active (turned ON).

Note that lower case can be used for the C and the A and that all commands follow the same format (next pages).

If the SMS is correct (right syntax, correct PIN), the controller will carry out that task.

Turning the channel off again is:

U0000c1n

The User has asked for channel 1 to be made negative (turned OFF).

Example 2 – Multiple Channel On and Off

To turn the lights ON the User sends the following SMS to the Controller:

U0000C231A

The User and PIN are as above

In this example we have asked for Channels 1, 2 and 3 to be made Active (turned ON).

Turning the channel off again is:

U0000c12n

The User has asked for channels 1 and 2 to be made negative (turned OFF).

Note that in the above example:

1) The channel numbers do not have to be entered in order, and
2) A different number of channels can be turned on and off. In the example above channel 3 would remain on until the end of the timeout period or it was turned off individually.

See section 7.10 for Help Menus.

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4.3 SMS Commands (All Users)

Summary and Syntax of SMS Commands (All Users)

Description	Start Code	PIN Code	Code	Item	Value	Action	Example SMS String	Comment
Get Help	U/O/F/I	####	?			Sends Help Text(s)	U####?	User gets one, Operator 2 FEC/OEM 3 SMSs
Turn Channel(s) **On**	U/O	####	C	1, 2, 3 12, 13 23, 123	A	Unit turns Channels 1 and/or 2 and/or 3 **On** and returns status	U####C12A	e.g. User turns Channels 1 & 2 On A = Active = On
Turn Channel(s) **Off**	U/O	####	C	1, 2, 3 12, 13 23, 123	N	Unit turns Channels 1 and/or 2 and/or 3 **Off** and returns status	O####C32N	e.g. Operator turns Channels 2 & 3 Off N = Negative = Off
Send **Meteorological** data	U/O/F/I	####	M			Unit sends meteorological data (if MetPak fitted)	F####M	FEC requests Meteorological Data
Send Controller **Status**	U/O/F/I	####	S			Unit returns status (& if unit fitted, Meteorological data)	M####S	Mimic Panel Requests Status
Send Meteorological **Units**	O/F/I	####	U			Confirms all units settings of Meteorological Pack	F####U	Send Units
Turn **HeliLights** On	U/O	####	H	N (0-9)	A	Unit turns on Group N (0-9) Lights On	U####H5A	User Turns Group 5 Lights On
Turn **HeliLights** Off	U/O	####	H	N (0-9)	N	Unit turns on Group N (0-9) Lights Off	O####H7N	Operator Turns Group 7 Lights Off
Turn **HeliLights** to Manual Mode	U/O	####	H	N (0-9)	M	Unit switches Group N (0-9) Lights to Manual	U####U5M	User switches Group 5 HeliLights to Manual
Turn **HeliLights** to Wireless Mode	U/O	####	H	N (0-9)	W	Unit switches Group N (0-9) Lights to Wireless	U####U0W	User switches All HeliLights to Wireless

Start Code is User Type: U = User, O = Operator, M = Mimic Panel, F = FEC, I = OEM
is PIN code for User Type. Defaults are: User PIN: 0000, Operator PIN: 1111 & Remote/Mimic PIN Range 9990-9999

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4.4 SMS Commands (Operator, FEC and OEM)

Description	Start Code	PIN Code	Command Code	Item	Value	Response	Example SMS String	Comment
Set New **U**ser **P**IN	O/F/I	####	P	U	XXXX	Unit sets new User PIN and returns status	O####PUXXXX	Operator Sets User PIN to XXXX
Set New **O**perator **P**IN	O/F/I	####	P	O	YYYY	Unit sets new Operator PIN and returns status	F####POYYYY	FEC Sets Operator PIN to YYYY
Set New **M**imic **P**IN	U/O/F/I	####	P	M	ZZZZ	Unit sets new Mimic PIN and returns status	F####PMZZZZ	FEC Sets Mimic PIN to ZZZZ
Turn **V**HF Controller **On**	O	####	V		A	Unit turns on VHF controller and returns status	O####VA	Operator turns VHF On
Turn **V**HF Controller **Off**	O	####	V		N	Unit turns on VHF controller and returns status	O####VN	Operator turns VHF Off
Set **B**arometric Pressure Units	O/F/I	####	B	H/M/I		Sets Units of Pressure of Meteorological Pack and confirms all settings	O####BH	H = HectoPascals M = MilliBars I = Inches of Mercury
Set **T**emperature Units	O/F/I	####	T	C/F		Sets Units of Temperature of Meteorological Pack and confirms all settings	F####TF	C = Centigrade F = Fahrenheit (temperature & dew point)
Set **W**ind Units	O/F/I	####	W	K/M/N		Sets Units of Wind Speed of Meteorological Pack and confirms all settings	F####WN	K = Kilometres Per Hour M = Miles Per Hour N = Nautical Miles Per Hour (Knots)

Start Code is User Type: U = User, O = Operator, M = Mimic Panel, F = FEC, I = OEM

is PIN code for User Type. Defaults are: User PIN: 0000, Operator PIN: 1111 & Remote/Mimic PIN Range 9990-9999

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Summary and Syntax of FEC & OEM SMS Commands

Description	Start Code	PIN Code	Command Code	Item	Value	Response	SMS String	Comment
Send Assembly Data	O/F/I	####	A			Unit sends assembly data	F####A	H.W. & S.W. Versions and dates
Factory Restore	O/F/I	####	F			Unit performs clears all entered data and restores all variables to shipped condition	F####F	FEC Performs Factory Restore
Send Unit Logs	F/I	####	L			Unit sends system logs	F####L	FEC Requests Unit Logs
Reset Unit	F/I	####	R			Unit performs a warm restart	F####R	FEC Performs Reset
Send Controller Data variables	F/I	####	D			Unit returns Variables	F####D	Note there is neither Operand nor Command

Start Code is User Type: U = User, O = Operator, M = Mimic Panel, F = FEC, I = OEM

is PIN code for User Type. Defaults are: User PIN: 0000, Operator PIN: 1111 & Remote/Mimic PIN Range 9990-9999

Summary and Syntax of OEM SMS Commands

Description	Start Code	PIN Code	Command Code	Item	Value	Response	SMS String	Comment
Set New FEC PIN	I	####	P	F	ZZZZ	Unit sets new FEC PIN and returns status	I####PFZZZZ	OEM Sets new FEC PIN to ZZZZ
Special Function #1	I	####	X	1		Sends raw MetPak string (if fitted)	I####X1	Ignores errors and checksum errors
|								
Special Function #9	I	####	X	9		Performs OEM Reserved functions	I####X9	

Start Code is User Type: U = User, O = Operator, M = Mimic Panel, F = FEC, I = OEM

is PIN code for User Type. Defaults are: User PIN: 0000, Operator PIN: 1111 & Remote/Mimic PIN Range 9990-9999

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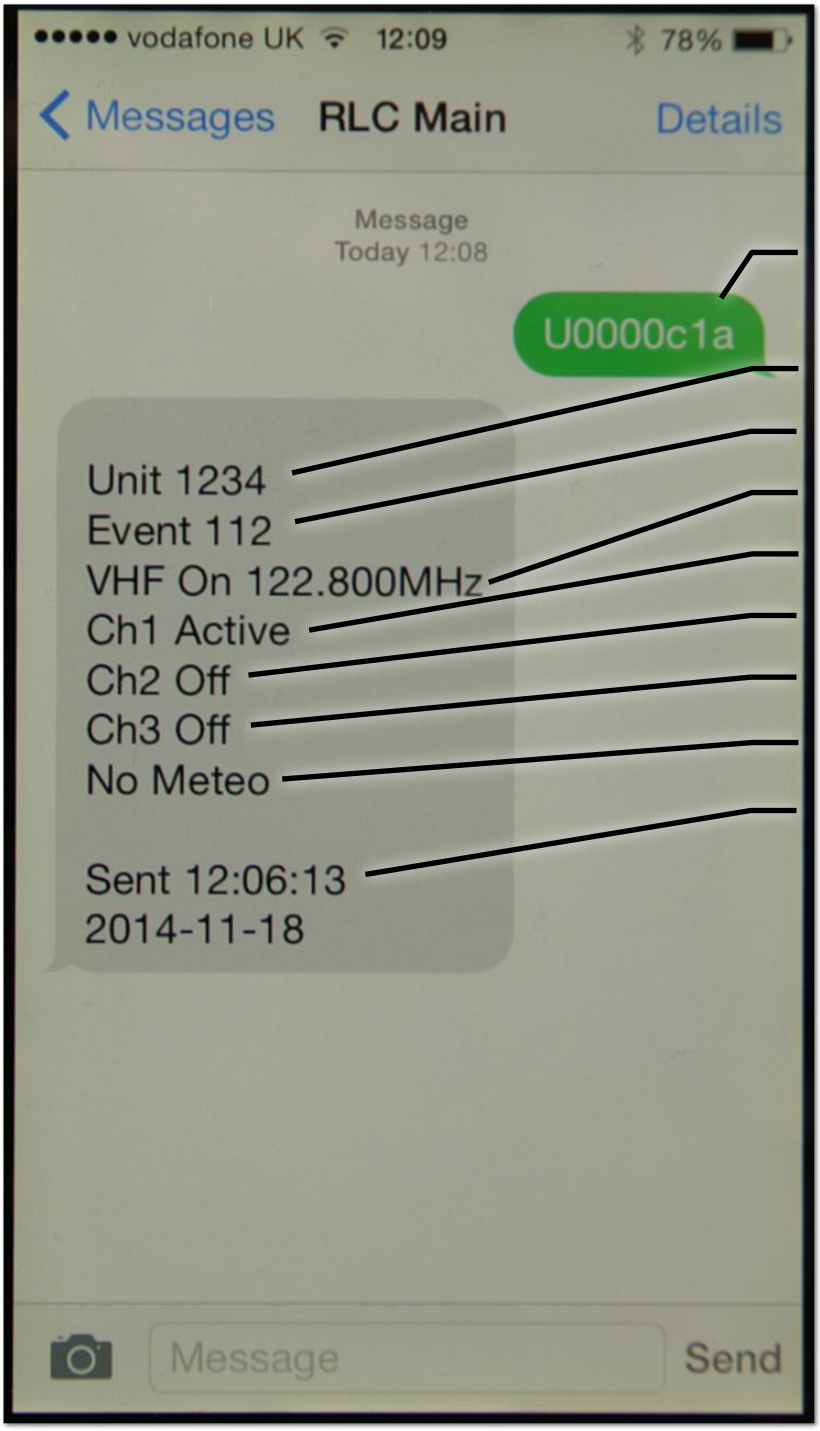
4.6 System Response – To User – No Meteorological Pack fitted

The controller will respond to the caller (either User or Operator) with confirmation of the system status.

The standard response is shown in the screen shot of an iPhone below:



Command sent bv User

Controller ID

Event Number

VHF Radio Active 122.8MHz

Confirmation: Channel 1 Active

Confirmation: Channel 2 Inactive

Confirmation: Channel 3 Inactive

No Meteorological Pack fitted

Time/Date stamp of transmission in international format

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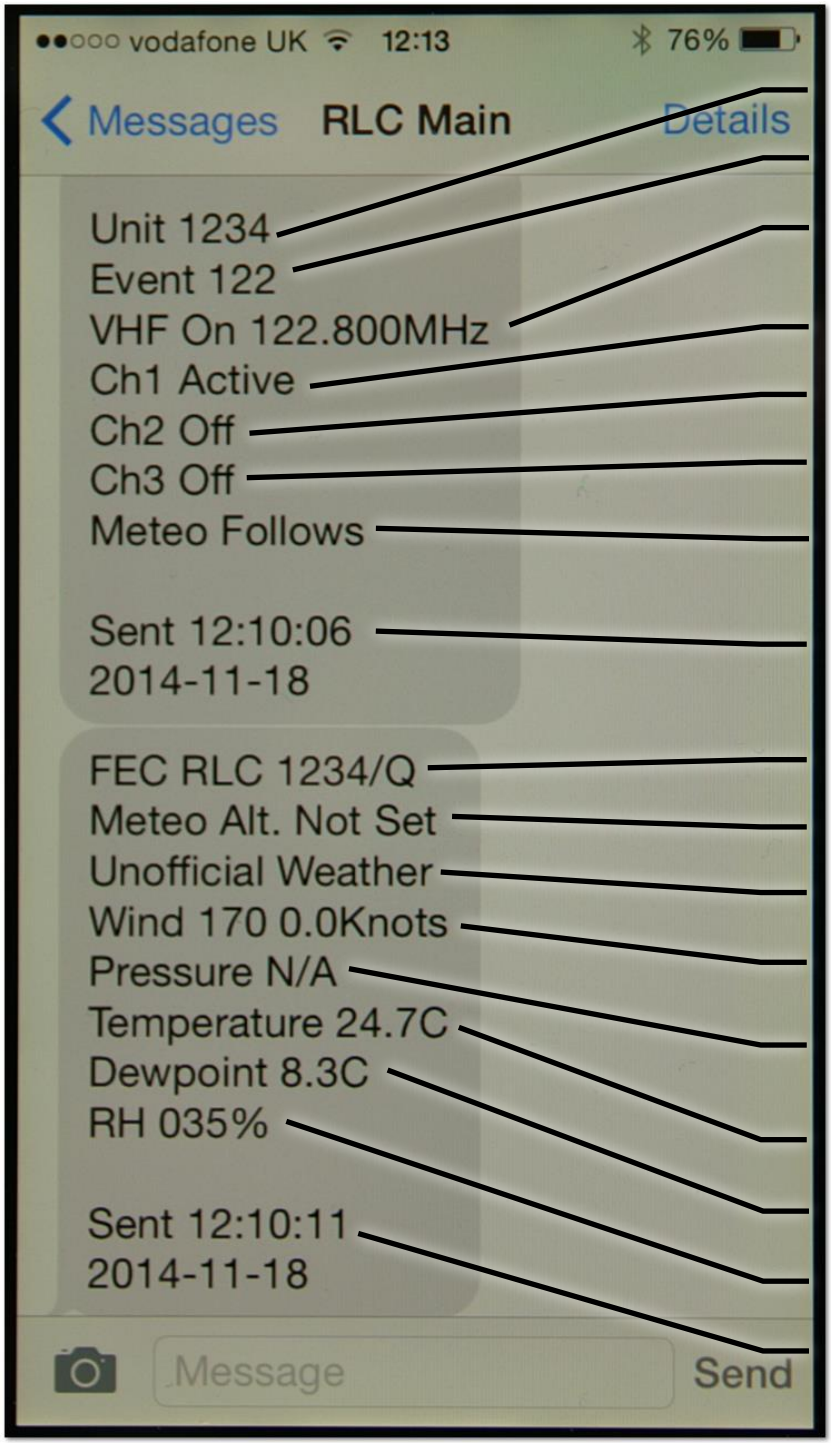
4.7 System Response – To User – Meteorological Pack fitted – No Altitude Set

The standard response is shown in the screen shot of an iPhone below if a MetPak is fitted but altitude NOT set. If the meteorological station altitude is not set, no pressure information is sent.



- Controller ID
- Event Number
- VHF Radio Active 122.8MHz
- Confirmation: Channel 1 Active
- Confirmation: Channel 2 Inactive
- Confirmation: Channel 3 Inactive
- Meteorological reporting option fitted – information to follow
- Time/Date stamp of transmission in international format
- Controller/Meteo ID
- Caution: Meteo altitude not set
- Caution
- Wind Direction and Speed
- Barometric Pressure not sent as Meteo Altitude not set
- Temperature
- Dewpoint
- Relative Humidity
- Time/Date Stamp

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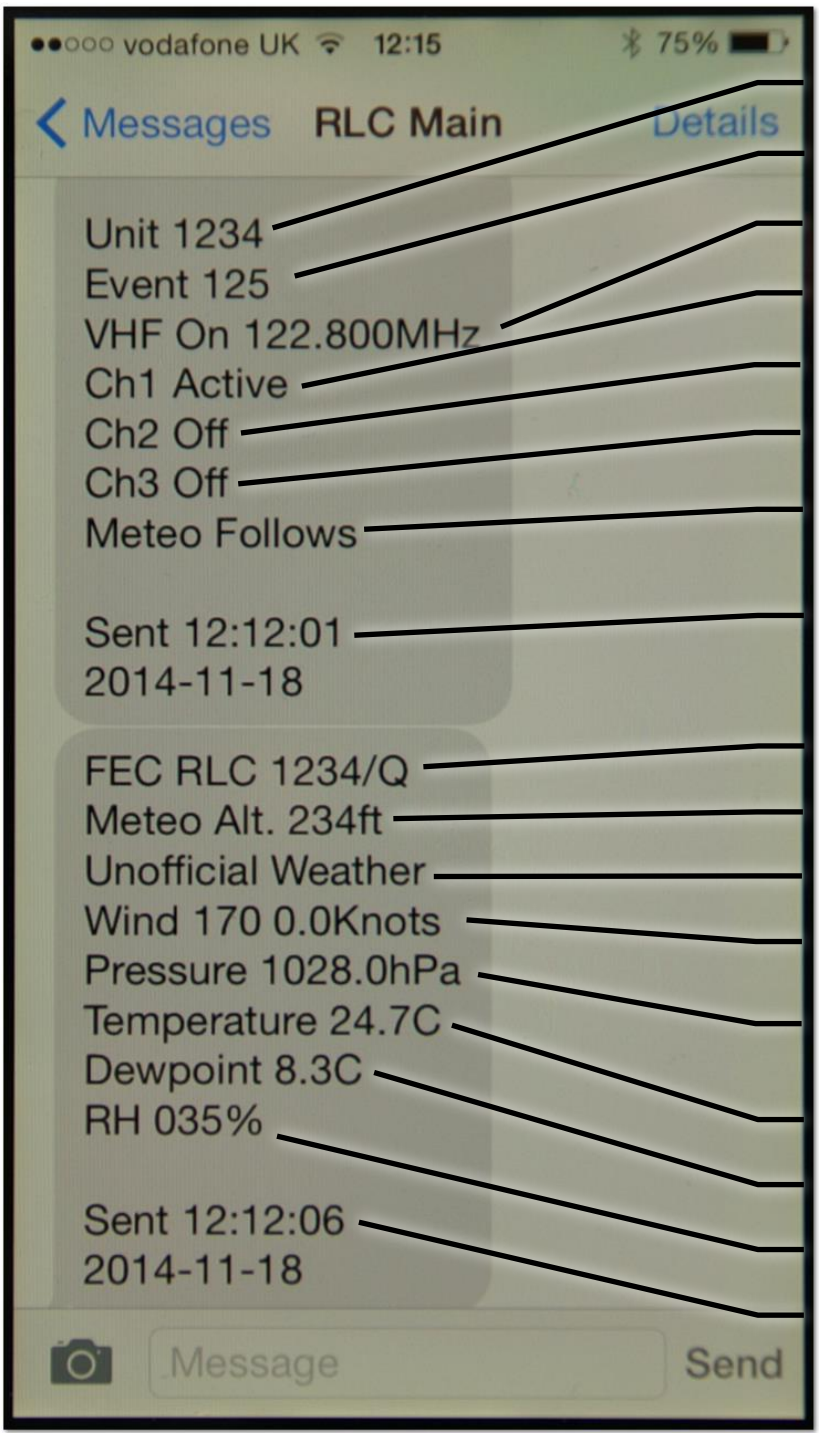
4.8 System Response – To User – Meteorological Pack fitted – Altitude Set

The standard response is shown in the screen shot of an iPhone below if a MetPak is fitted and altitude is set. Pressure information is sent if the meteorological station altitude is set



- Controller ID
- Event Number
- VHF Radio Active 122.8MHz
- Confirmation: Channel 1 Active
- Confirmation: Channel 2 Inactive
- Confirmation: Channel 3 Inactive
- Meteorological reporting option fitted – information to follow
- Time/Date stamp of transmission in international format

- Controller/Meteo ID
- Meteo altitude set
- Caution
- Wind Direction and Speed
- Barometric Pressure sent as Meteo Altitude set
- Temperature
- Dewpoint
- Relative Humidity
- Time/Date Stamp

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The SMS is just as readable on older handsets but may require scrolling to read all of the message. If the controller had failed to make the channel active then in this example it would read: C1 Inactive.

If the controller has been configured to measure the channel current and validate that it is within limits then a message to this effect will be appended to the Ch(n) status line.

4.9 Help SMS(s)

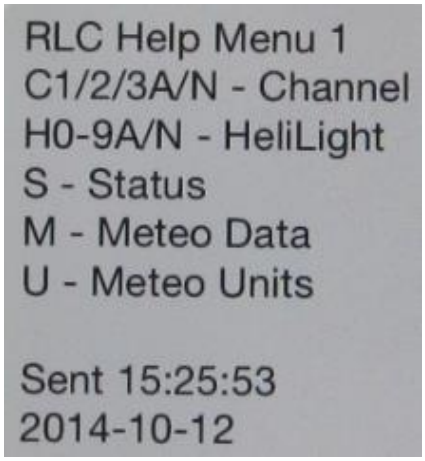
Users, the Operator, FEC and the OEM can all request help screen(s) which give a summary of the commands available via SMS. The request is User-Type PIN ? e.g. U0000?

Users – Receive Help Menu 1 with the commands available to them.

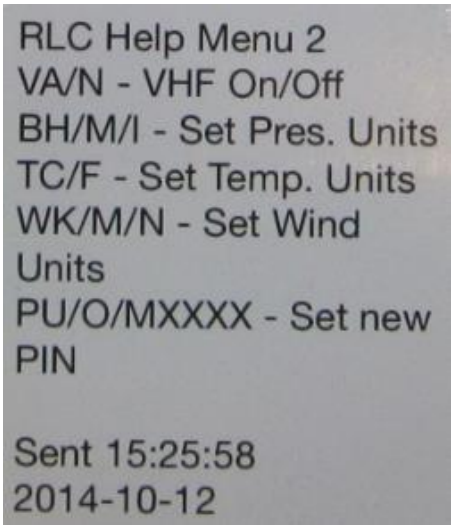
Operators – Receive Help Menus 1 and 2 - the extended commands available to Operators.

FEC & OEM – Receive Help Menus 1, 2 and 3 - with the reserved commands available to FEC and OEM.

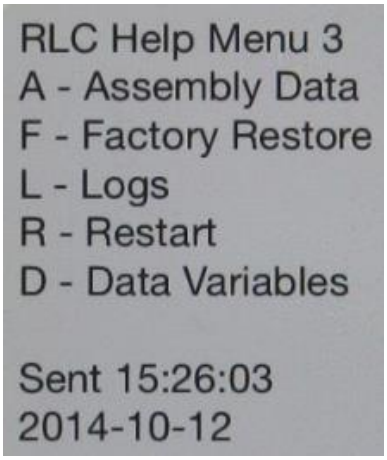
The screen shots below are of the three Help Menus.



RLC Help Menu 1



RLC Help Menu 2



RLC Help Menu 3

4.10 System Response – To Others

Every time that the controller changes state or makes a channel active or inactive, at the Operators option the above message will also be sent to any or all of the following:

1) Operator – Receives all state changes to the controller
2) Agency – An Operator agreed number that will receive operational changes only
3) Mimic – The designated Mimic panel

Examples:

1) If the Operator turns the VHF radio receiver off, only the Operator will receive confirmation of that.

If a User Turns the lights on via SMS, the User, Operator, Agency and Mimic numbers will all be sent the appropriate system response.

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5 System Setup and Configuration

5.1 User Access Menu

Pressing 'Menu' on the main menu first brings up a PIN challenge menu to determine which 'type' of user is accessing the system since each can perform different functions:

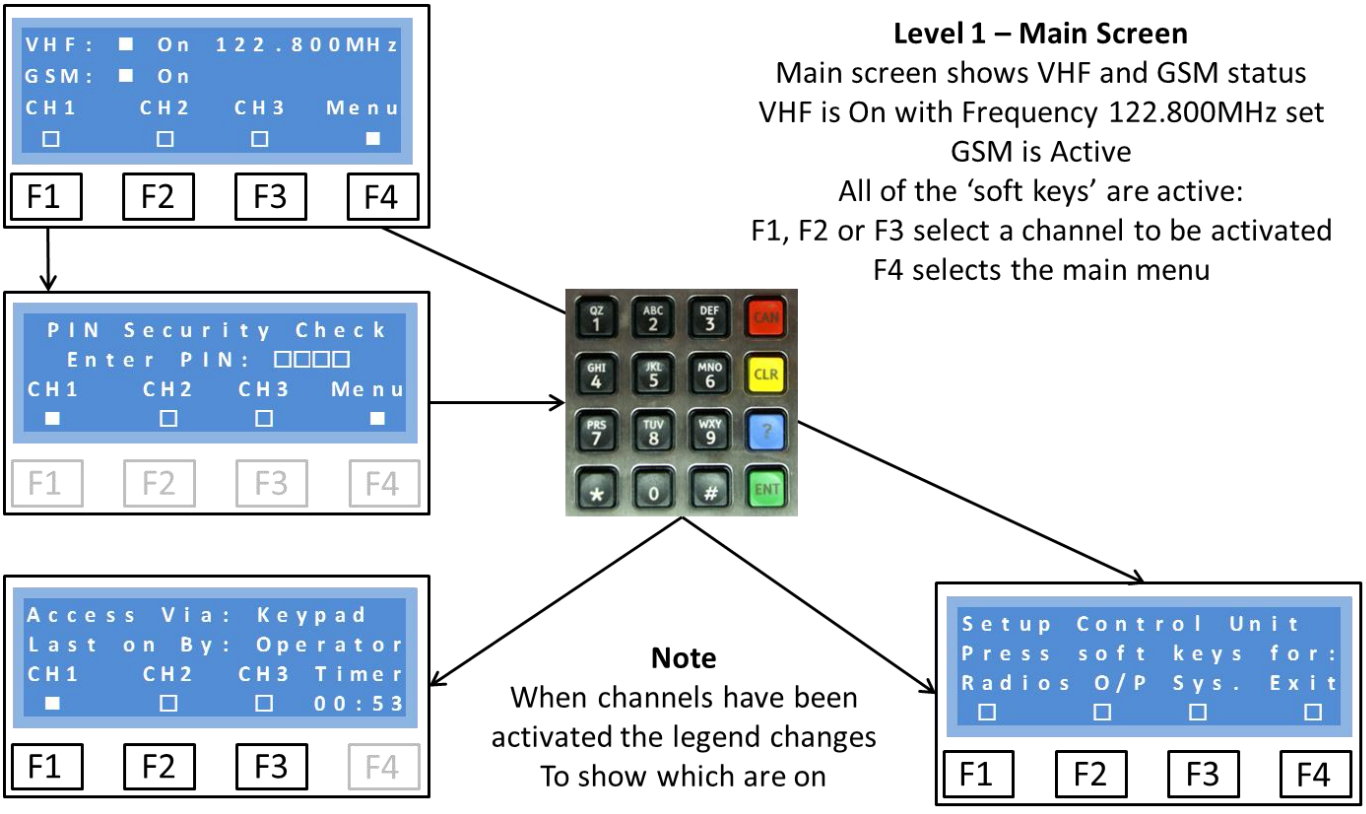
There are five types of 'User' defined in the system:

1) User – A person granted permission to perform certain commands.
2) Ops. – The Owner/Operator of the facility.
3) Mimic – The remote control/monitoring panel (not entered via keypad)
4) FEC – Technical staff from FEC.
5) OEM – The Original Equipment Manufacturer.

Each type of user has a PIN access code and can perform a variety of configuration and other tasks on the system.

Using the numeric PIN code, enter the 4 number PIN code. As each number is pressed it replaces the relevant box until four numbers are entered.

NB – As an additional security measure, if numbers are not entered within 5 seconds of each other, the screen times out and returns to the main menu. Also if the wrong code is given this is advised and a return made to the main programme.



Warning

Once the Menu Mode is selected, the system no longer monitors the VHF or GSM receivers and will not respond to remote commands. All setups should be performed when it is known that no movements requiring the lighting controller are required

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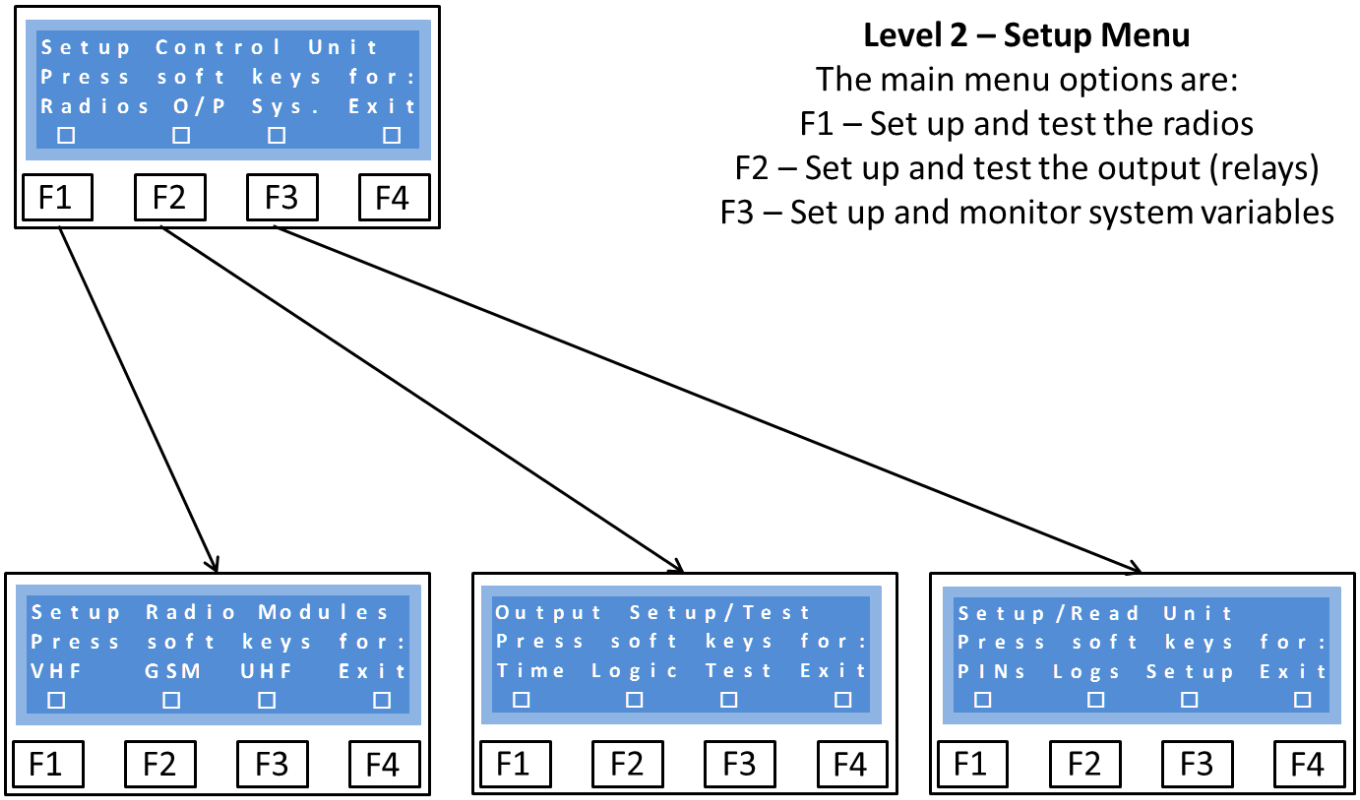
5.2 Setup Control Menu

Once the correct PIN has been entered the Setup menu is entered.



Level 2 – Setup Menu

The main menu options are:

F1 – Set up and test the radios

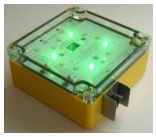
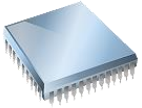
F2 – Set up and test the output (relays)

F3 – Set up and monitor system variables

There are three main setup areas: Radios, Output (Relays) and System.

In the following sections we will go through each of these areas in turn.

To aid navigation within this document, the radio, cell phone, HeliLight and chip images are used to represent the VHF Radio, GSM Radio, UHF Radio and System respectively:

VHF Radio:	**UHF Radio: (Battery HeliLight Controller)** 
GSM Radio:	**System:** 

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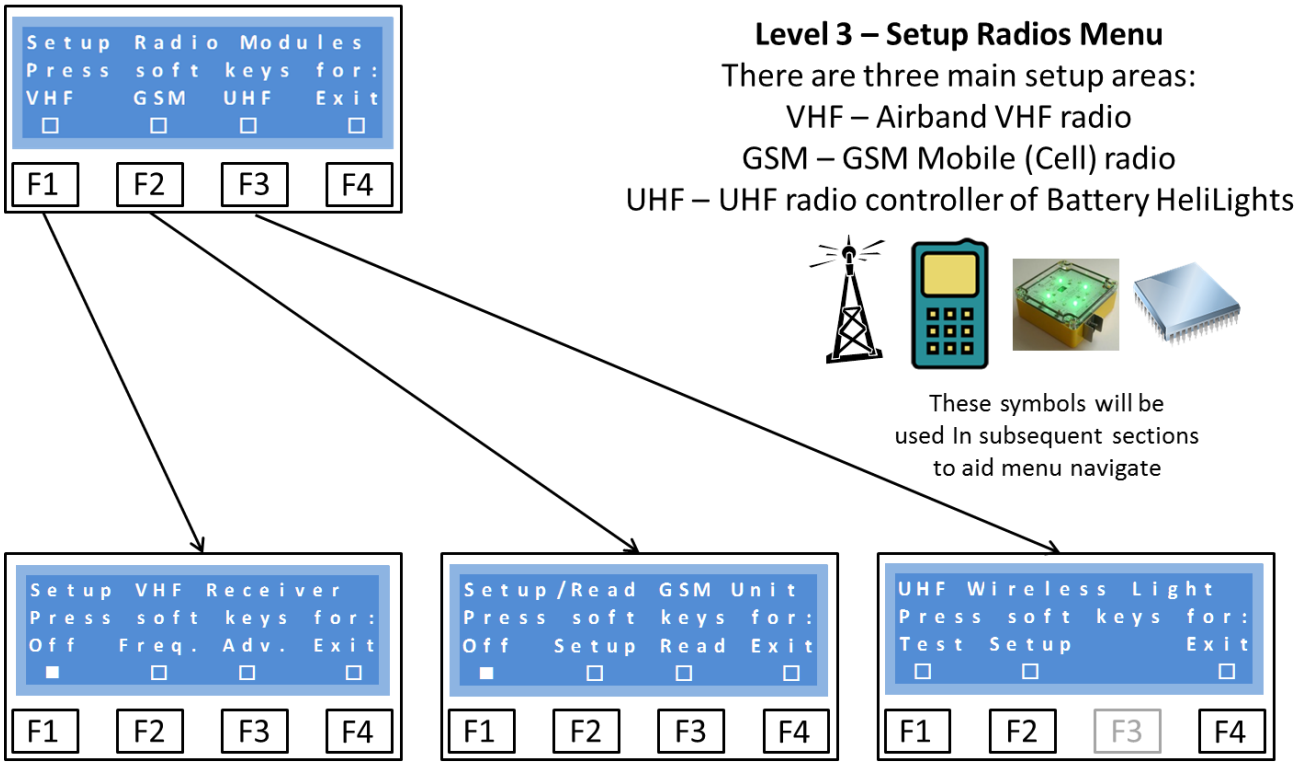
5.3 Radios Menu

There can be up to 3 radios in the system:

1) VHF Airband receiver
2) GSM Tri-band transceiver, and
3) UHF Wireless modem for controlling battery lights (HeliLights) (Not available in USA)

Each of the radios has its own menus. The main radio menu is as follows:



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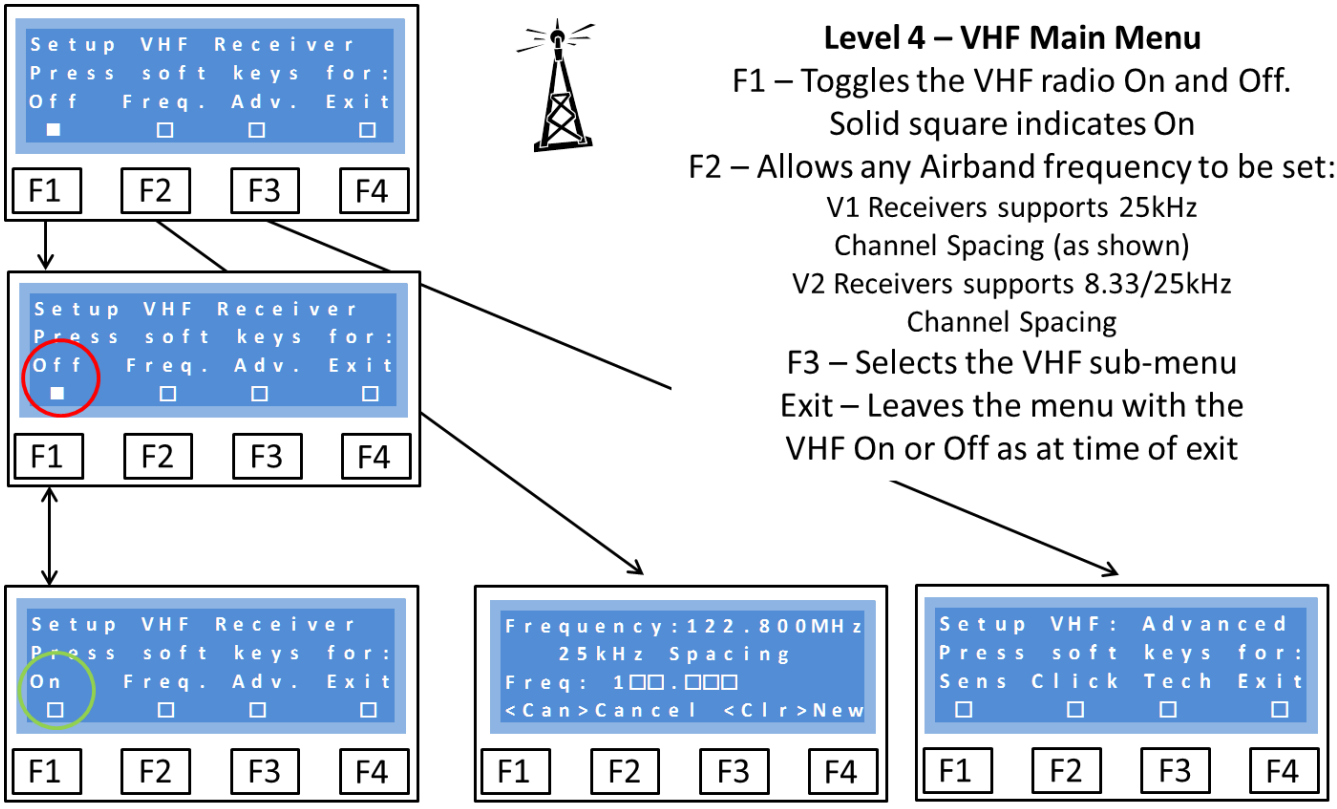
5.3.1 Setup VHF Receiver - Basic

The Setup VHF Receiver menu enables:

1) The VHF receiver to be turned On and Off (also available to Operators via SMS)
2) The operating frequency of the controller to be set to any channel in the VHF Airband in the range:
    a. 118.000 - 136.975MHz with 25kHz channel spacing (V1 Receiver), or
    b. 118.000 – 136.990 with 8.33kHz & 25kHz channel spacing (V2 receiver)
3) Select further setup advanced options



Note that the VHF radio is toggled On/Off using F1 and is set in that state when exiting the menu using F4.

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5.3.1.1 VHF Frequency Setting

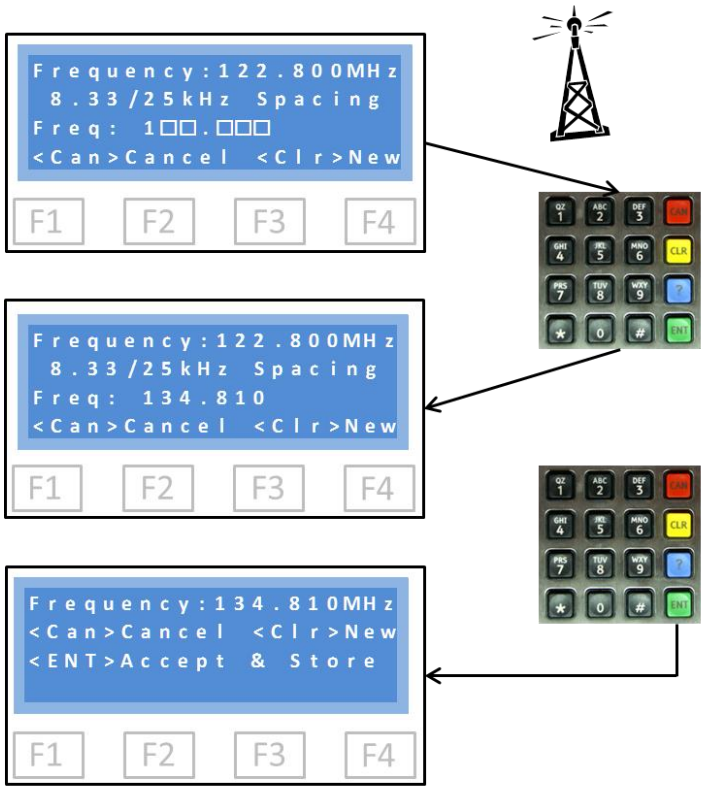
The system automatically detects which version of VHF Receiver is installed and displays the options available in the frequency setting screen (examples shown below):

25kHz Channel Spacing

```
Frequency:122.800MHz
    25kHz Spacing
Freq:  1□□.□□□
<Can>Cancel  <Clr>New
```

8.33 & 25kHz Channel Spacing

```
Frequency:122.800MHz
 8.33/25kHz Spacing
Freq:  1□□.□□□
<Can>Cancel  <Clr>New
```



Level 5 – VHF Frequency Setting Menu

Use numeric pad to enter the desired channel (frequency) Only valid channels are allowed as input (any others ignored)

Once valid channel has been entered, press <ENT> to accept and store

<CAN> quits to main VHF menu
<CLR> re-starts channel entry

25kHz Channel Setting – as each number is entered it is checked to ensure that the channel (frequency) is valid. If valid the number entered is displayed and the cursor moves to the next space. Any invalid entries are ignored, nothing is displayed and the cursor does not move. Once sufficient numbers have been entered to ensure a correct and unique channel, the full frequency is displayed (screen 3) and confirmation requested (<ENT>).

8.33kHz/25kHz Channel Setting – Channel setting is as above and the same checking applied but to the full 6 digits. The international channel convention for 8.33kHz provides 16 channels per 100kHz of bandwidth and as a consequence not all channels are available. In the above example, 134.810 is valid but 134.815 is not.

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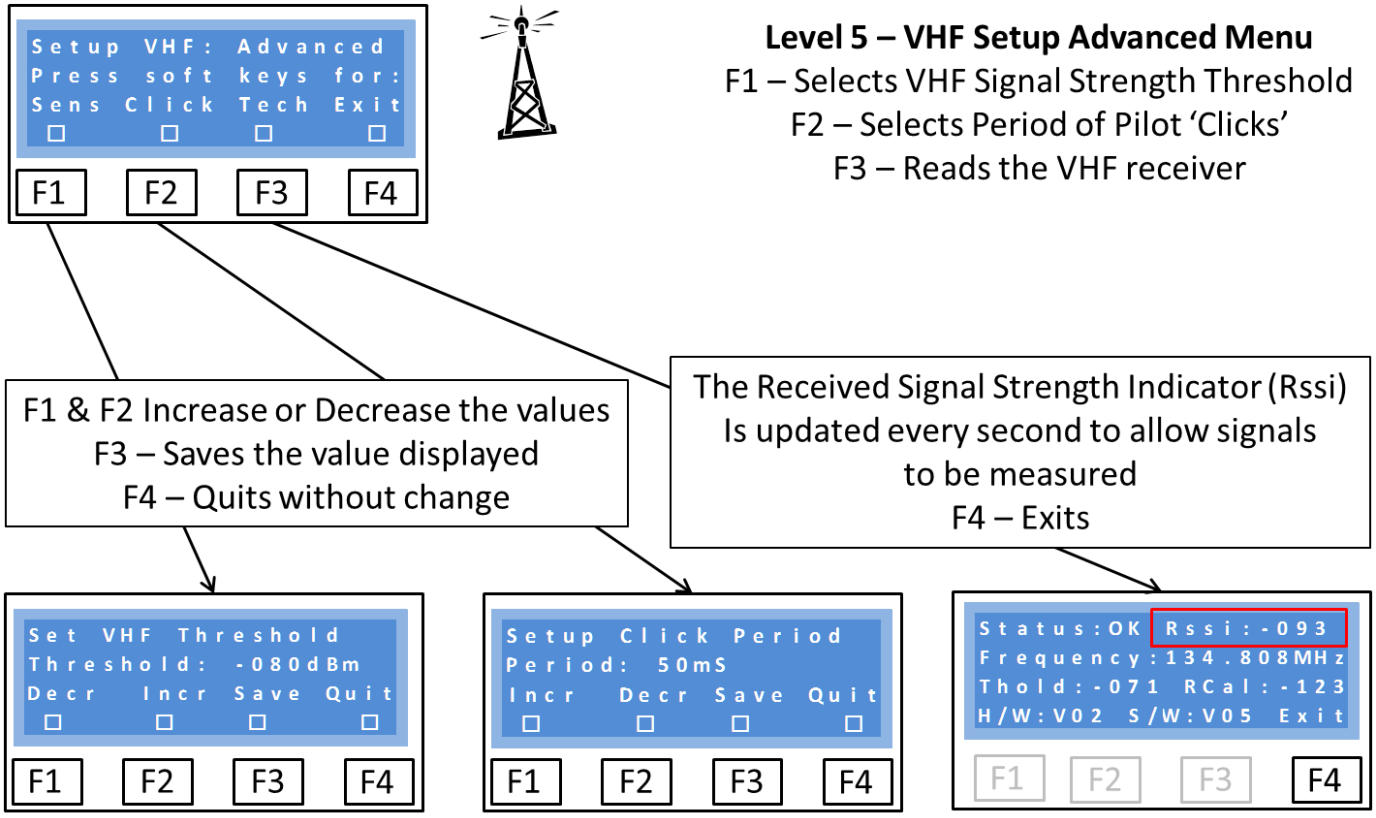
5.3.2 Setup VHF Receiver – Advanced

There are currently three menu options to:

1) Set the sensitivity of the VHF receiver threshold detection level (this is analogous to a 'squelch' on earlier systems)
2) Set the minimum period of the Pilot 'Clicks' (presses of the Push To Talk – PTT button), which will trigger the system, and
3) Read the radio parameters in real time. This is an essential part of the setup process.



VHF Status – Frequency reading

Note that in the screen (extreme right) the frequency is displayed as 134.808MHz even though the channel selected is 134.810. This is because the channels are a simplified and rounded (down or up) representation of the frequency used. A table showing the first 16 channels versus their frequency is shown below. The user does not need to know any of this detail.

Channel	Frequency	Channel	Frequency	Channel	Frequency	Channel	Frequency
118.000	*118.0000*	*118.025*	*118.0250*	*118.050*	*118.0500*	*118.075*	*118.0750*
118.005	118.0000	118.030	118.0250	118.055	118.0500	118.080	118.0750
118.010	118.0083	118.035	118.0333	118.060	118.0583	118.085	118.0833
118.015	118.0166	118.040	118.0416	118.065	118.0666	118.090	118.0916

Note that the 25kHz spacing channels (italics) are an exact frequency but that the 8.33kHz channels are not. This pattern is repeated every 100kHz for all 3,040 channels.

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Sensitivity – Setting the threshold

The Threshold is the level of Received Signal Strength at which the receiver is set to detect the carrier signal (so called Carrier Detect) and is expressed as the power at the aerial socket.

By default it is set to -75dBm and can be varied between 0dBm and -125dBm (where 0dBm is the highest level and -125dBm the lowest).

Great care should be exercised in setting the threshold too low (less than -80dBm) as noise may cause false triggers. Equally if very high signal levels are experienced, an attenuator may need to be introduced to the aerial feed.

Before changing the threshold level, read the section about the display of Rssi (accessed via the Tech option and described over) as this will give good information about the local conditions.

Click – Setting the minimum PTT press period

As well as setting the signal level at which the system will trigger, the minimum length of time that the Push To Talk (PTT) switch is activated can also be set.

This ‘Click’ period helps mitigate against the effects of ‘noisy’ switches which can otherwise cause problems of false activations.

The system employs digital filtering of the received signal and waits for the signal to be stable above the threshold level for the ‘Click’ time before it counts as a genuine PTT press.

Each click is counted in a 5 second period and if 3, 5 or 7 clicks successfully received, channels 1, 2 or 3 are set (see later section on mapping of channels to relays).

The default setting for Click is 100ms (100 milliseconds) and can be set between 1 and 250mS. Some experimentation may be necessary to ensure correct operation in any particular installation.

Tech – Reading the receiver status

Selecting ‘Tech’ from the Advanced VHF menu reads and displays all of the relevant status registers from the VHF receiver.

Of importance to the operator are:

1) That the status is OK
2) The Rssi level of the received signal
3) That the Frequency is as set and expected
4) That the Threshold level is as set and expected

Once this command is invoked, the receiver will be continuously re-read every 1 second and the Rssi figure will be updated. This is extremely useful in checking the installation (aerials, down-feed etc.) and setting up the receiver.

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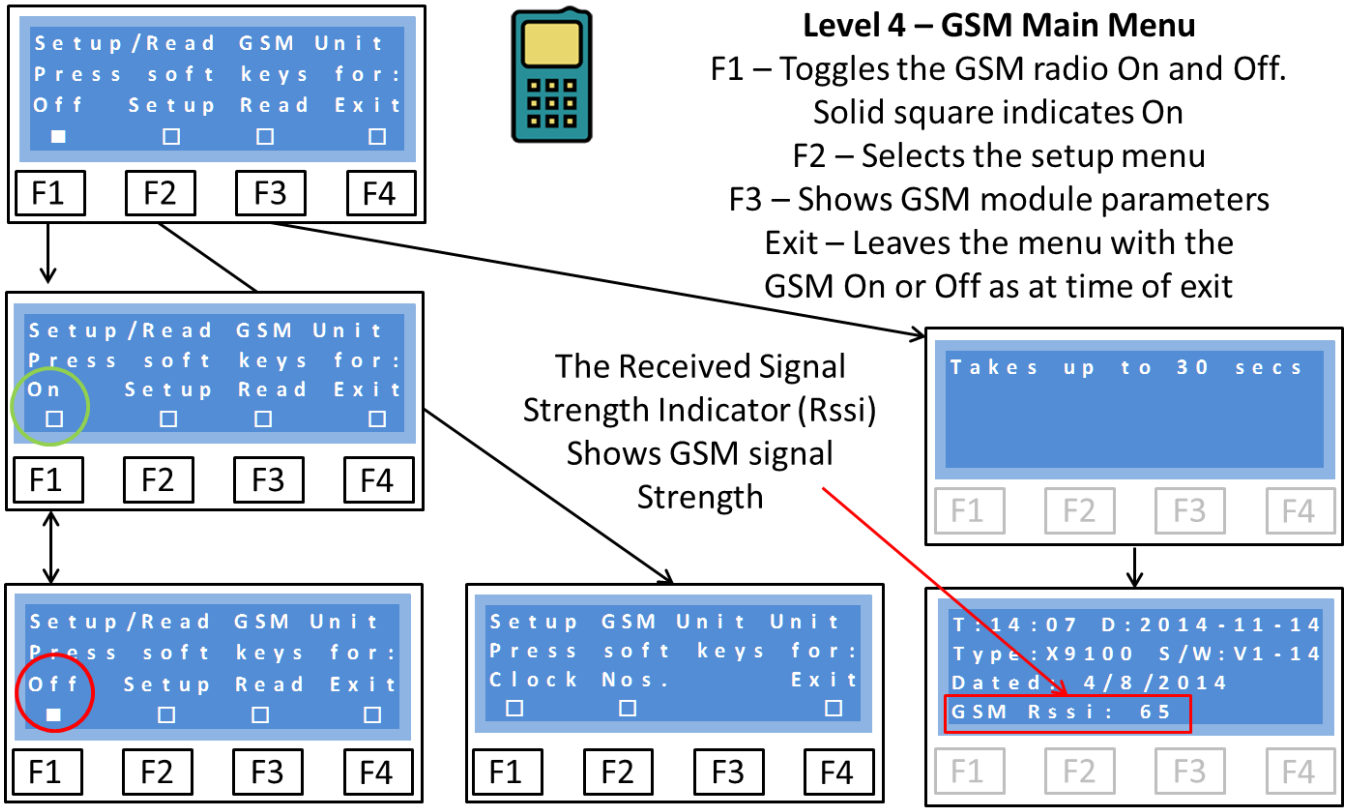
5.4 Setup GSM/SMS Unit

If the GSM receiver was on when Setup was selected, then the screen will appear as follows.



Note that the 1st soft key is solid indicating that the GSM receiver is ON and that the soft key option is to turn it Off. Pressing F1 will toggle the GSM receiver on and off and it will be left in that state on Exit. The other menu options are:

Setup – Performs a variety of configuration options on the GSM system, and

Selecting the 'Read' option initiates a read of the GSM module.

NB – It may take up to 30 seconds for the module to be read and the data displayed.

The data are displayed in three groups:

1) Time and Date - T:HH:MM D:YYYY-MM-DD
   Example shown is 14:07 on the 14th November 2014
2) The GSM module type and software version and build date, and
3) The GSM signal strength on a scale of 0 (no signal) to 100 (Max signal strength)
   Typical operating range is 60-80

Once the data have all been displayed there is a pause of e few seconds and then the system returns to the Setup/Read GSM Unit menu.

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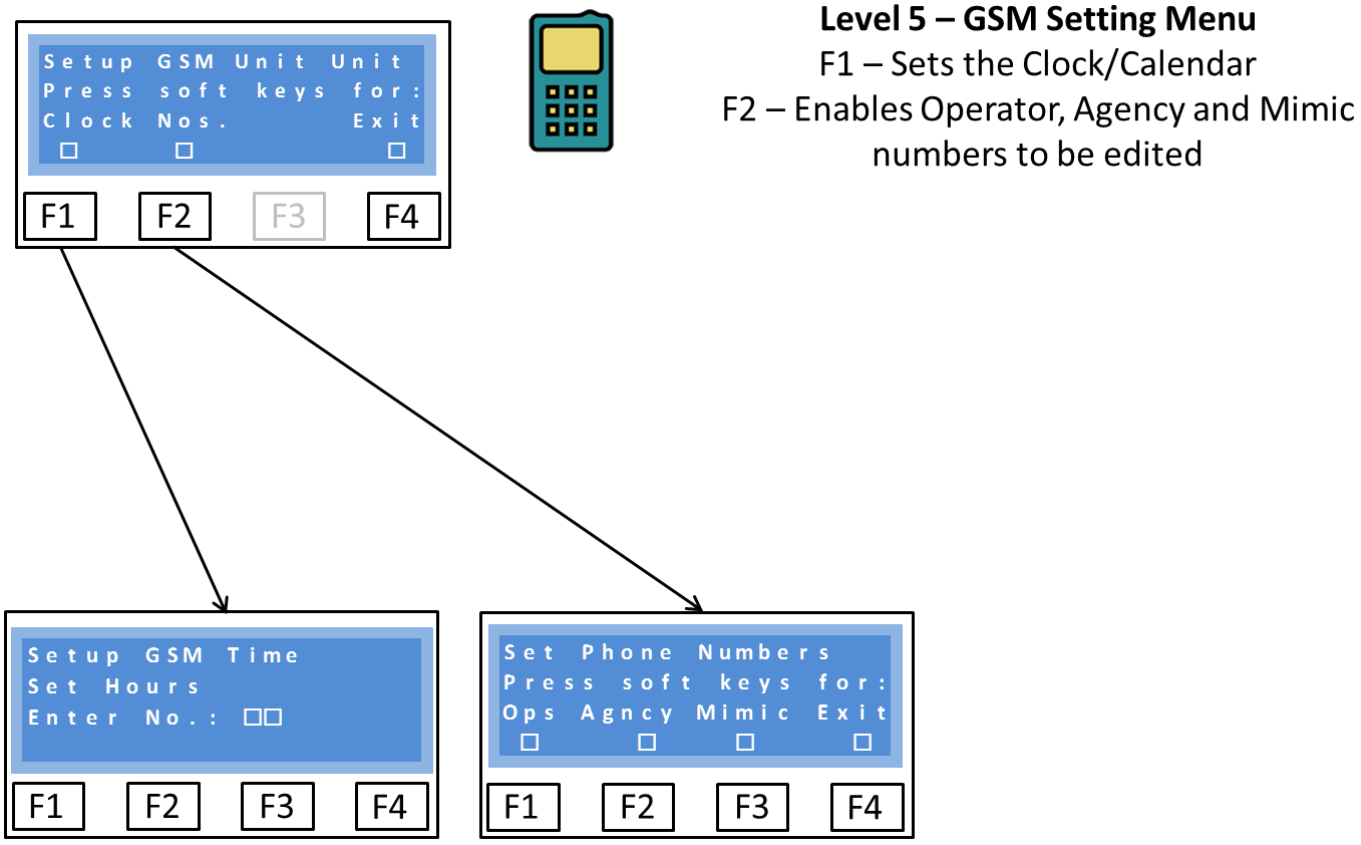
5.4.1 Setup GSM

Selecting Setup brings up the following menu which allows:

1) The clock/calendar to be set, and
2) The Operator, Agency and Mimic stored numbers to be viewed and changed



Level 5 – GSM Setting Menu
F1 – Sets the Clock/Calendar
F2 – Enables Operator, Agency and Mimic numbers to be edited

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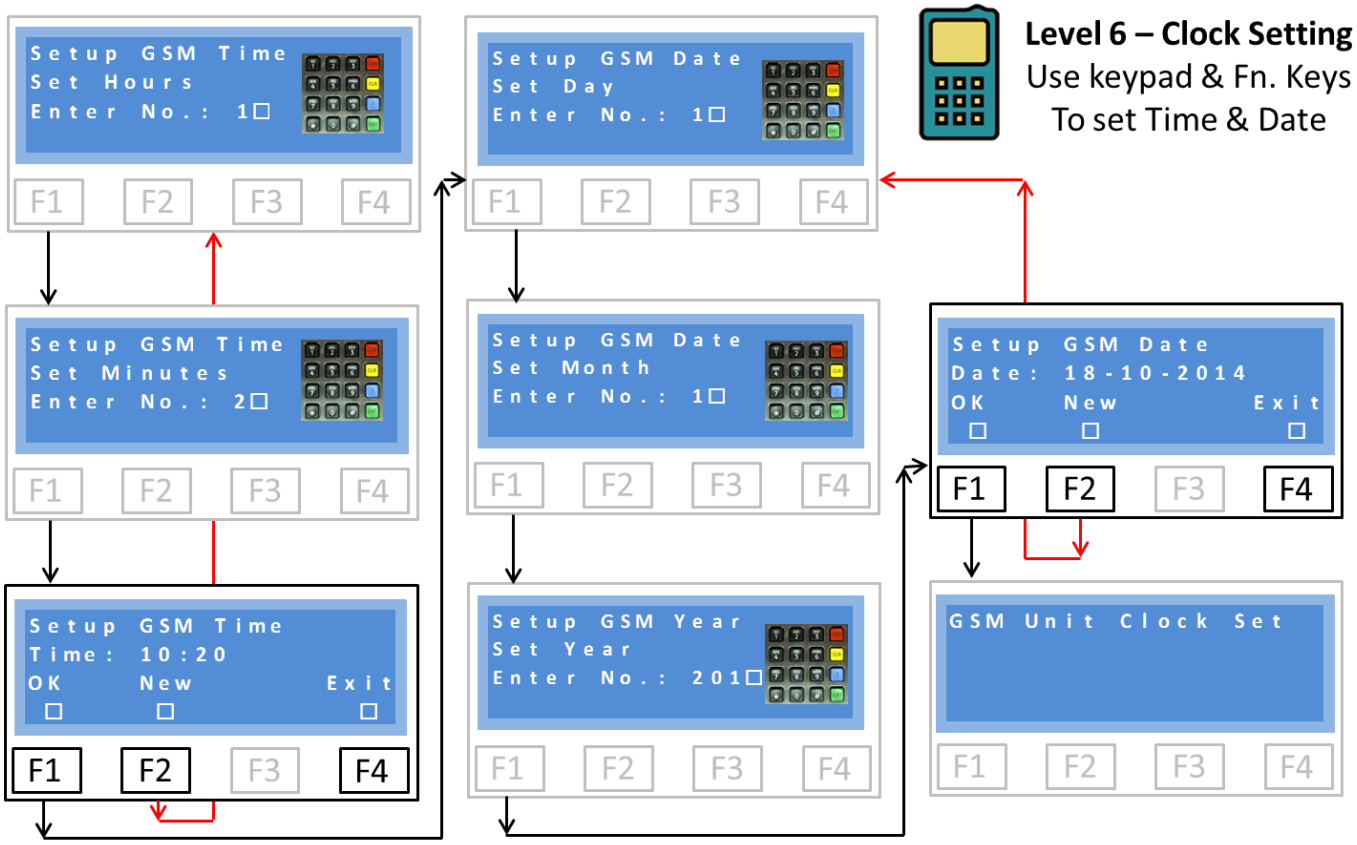
5.4.2 Set GSM Clock

Selecting Clock from the previous menu starts the clock setting process:



The first screen requests the hour. This must be entered in 24 hour format and as a two digit number. For example 9 o'clock in the morning would be entered '09' and 5 o'clock in the afternoon '17'.

Immediately that the two numbers for the hours have been entered you are prompted to enter minutes. Again this is as a two digit number.

Immediately the minutes have been entered the time is shown (bottom left screen) which you can accept (F1 -OK) or reject and start over (F2-New).

Once the time has been correctly entered, the day of the month is prompted for. Again this is in a two digit format. The number is checked to be in the range 01-31 but does not check against the month which is entered in the same way, again being checked to be in a valid range of 01-12.

Once the month has been correctly entered you are prompted for the year. The system pre-fills the Century (20) and accepts all years from 13-99.

On completion of the above there is a screen to confirm the date with the same options as before. Pressing F1 accepts the date/time and sets the clock.

Confirmation that the clock has been set is displayed for a short period before returning to the main menu.

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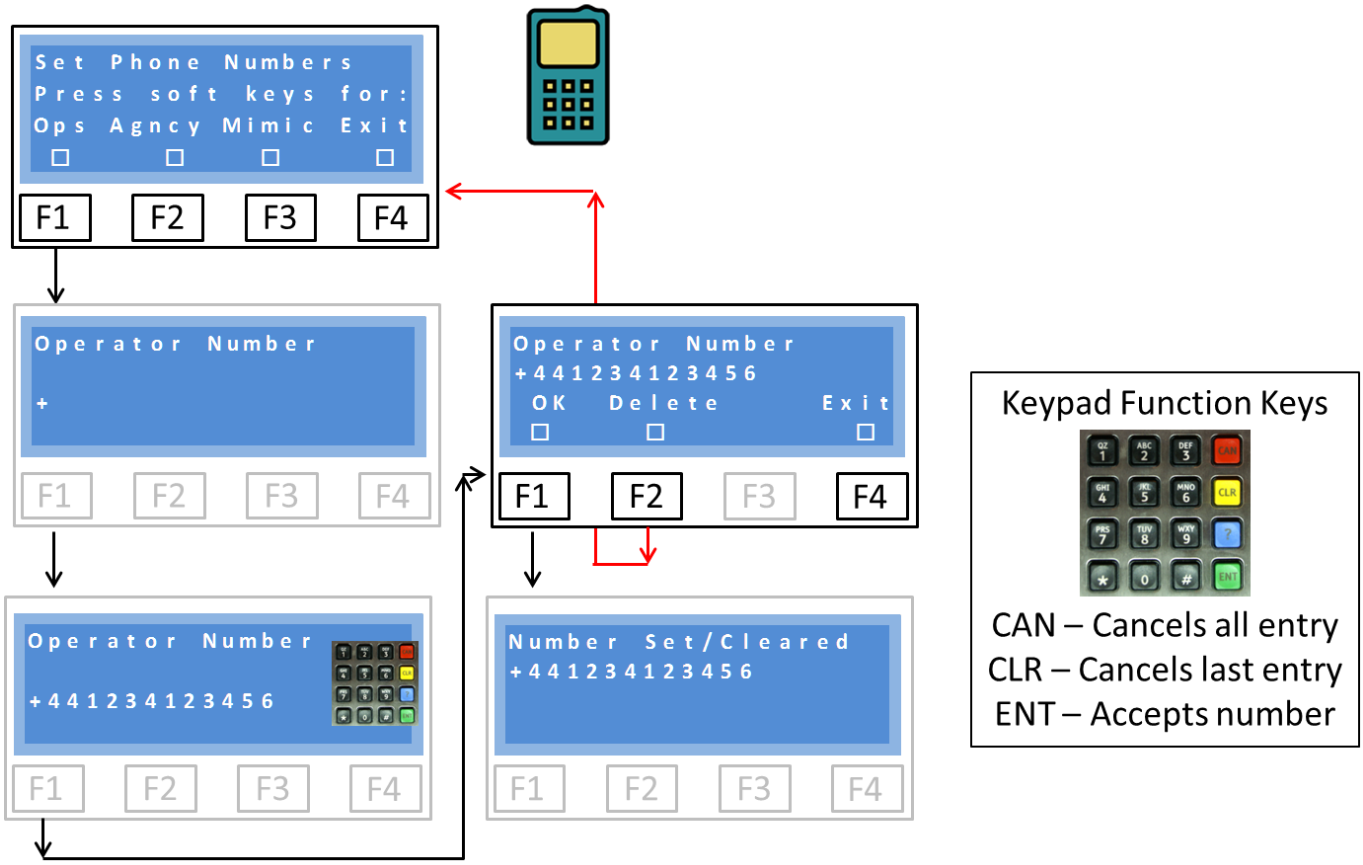
5.4.3 Set GSM Numbers

The system can store three numbers:

1) Operator (Ops) – This is the number of the Owner/Operator. It is very important to enter this number as a report will be sent to it every time there is a system change (e.g. turn the VHF radio on or off) or an operational activity on the system (e.g. turn on the lights)
2) Agency – This number, which is optional, is the number to which only operational reports are sent. This can be any third party that the Operator wishes to keep informed of activity without the bother of having to manually alert them.
3) Mimic - This number, which is optional, is the number to which only operational reports to allow remote monitoring and alerting of channel activation



In the above example the Operator number has been selected (F1).

The current Operator number is displayed (middle left) and in this case is blank as no previous number has been entered. ***Note the number must be entered in the international format.***

The required number is entered after the '+' prompt (part of the international dialling scheme). ***Note*** in contrast to other screens the keypad CAN, CLR and ENT keys are active.

If an error is made, CLR can be used to backspace and correct.

To clear the entire entry and start over press CAN.

To accept the number press ENT.

The process for entering the Agency and Mimic numbers is exactly the same as for Operator.

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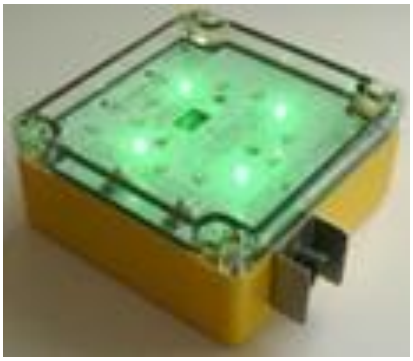
5.5 UHF Transceiver

The RLC may be fitted with an 868MHz UHF modem transceiver for controlling local battery powered, wirelessly controlled HeliLights.



This part of the system is not yet available for use in the USA (and potentially other markets) where the local radio licencing authority does not allow this part of the spectrum to be used for licence-exempt operation of this type.

5.5.1 HeliLight Modes

For wireless enabled HeliLights there are essentially four operating modes (1 and 2 covered in the HeliLight manual):

Item	Manual or Wireless	Steady or Flashing/Special Function	Meaning
1	Manual	Steady	Operates at the colour and intensity of rotary switch SW1
2	Manual	Flashing/Special	Performs the flashing or special function of rotary switch SW2 at the colour and intensity set on SW1
3	Wireless	Steady	Operates at the colour and intensity wirelessly selected
4	Wireless	Flashing/Special	Performs the flashing or special function wirelessly selected at the colour and intensity wirelessly selected

Notes:

a) The main HeliLight On-Off-On switch selects between 1 & 2 and 3 & 4

b) All HeliLights belong to a ‘Group’ defined by rotary switch SW3 or, if there is no group switch, to Group 0 (zero)

c) When in Wireless Mode, the Blue LED (bottom of the PCB) will illuminate

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5.5.2 Default HeliLight Modes

The following are the default settings:

Item	Manual or Wireless	Steady or Flashing/Special Function	Setting
1	Manual	Steady	Medium Green
2	Manual	Flashing/Special	Sunset Switching
3	Wireless	Steady	Medium Green
4	Wireless	Flashing/Special	Sunset Switching

Notes:

a) The unit is delivered in Manual Mode

b) Issuing the wireless restore command will restore the wireless defaults in 3 & 4 above

5.5.3 Commanding the HeliLights Wirelessly

For Users/Operators there are three ways of wirelessly operating the lights:

1) RLC - By associating a wireless Group of lights with channels of the RLC and then activating RLC channels as normal (keypad, VHF or SMS)

2) SMS - By sending specific text commands to the RLC which translates and transmits commands to the Group lights (see attachment for details)

3) Key Fob – Using the three buttons – Covered in HeliLight Manual

Notes:

a) There is no need to switch to Wireless Mode explicitly as this mode is automatically selected when a Wireless On command is issued

b) When a Wireless Off command is issued the LEDs will go off but the unit will remain in Wireless Mode

c) An explicit command to return to Manual Mode must be made

d) HeliLights will only respond to commands that are specifically addressed to their set Group, or

e) All commands that are addressed to Group 0 (zero). Examples:

   a. If there are two sets of lights set to Groups 0 and 5 and a command is sent to turn on Group 5 lights, only Group 5 lights will respond

   b. If there are two sets of lights set to Groups 0 and 5 and a command is sent to turn on Group 0 lights, Group 0 AND Group 5 lights will respond

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5.5.4 RLC – Using Channels

In the same way that different relays can be associated with different channels, different Groups of HeliLights can be associated in exactly the same way.

To associate a Group of lights with a channel, select Menu>Radios>UHF and then Setup (over). Follow the instructions to map a Group number to a channel.

Notes:

a) By default all channels are set to activate Group 0 (i.e. any channel will control any active wireless HeliLights)
b) This is how you have been using the RLC & Wireless HeliLight to date.

5.5.5 SMS – Direct Control

In the same way that you can activate a channel by SMS you can activate a Group of HeliLights.

Example: User turns on Group 2 HeliLights - U0000H2A

Notes:

a) This method does not require any mapping of Groups to Channels as it directly addresses the wireless lights
b) Both Group/Channel mapping and direct addressing can be used simultaneously
c) Additional commands will be added to the SMS structure to allow more sophisticated programming of the lights

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5.5.6 Setting up the UHF Transceiver

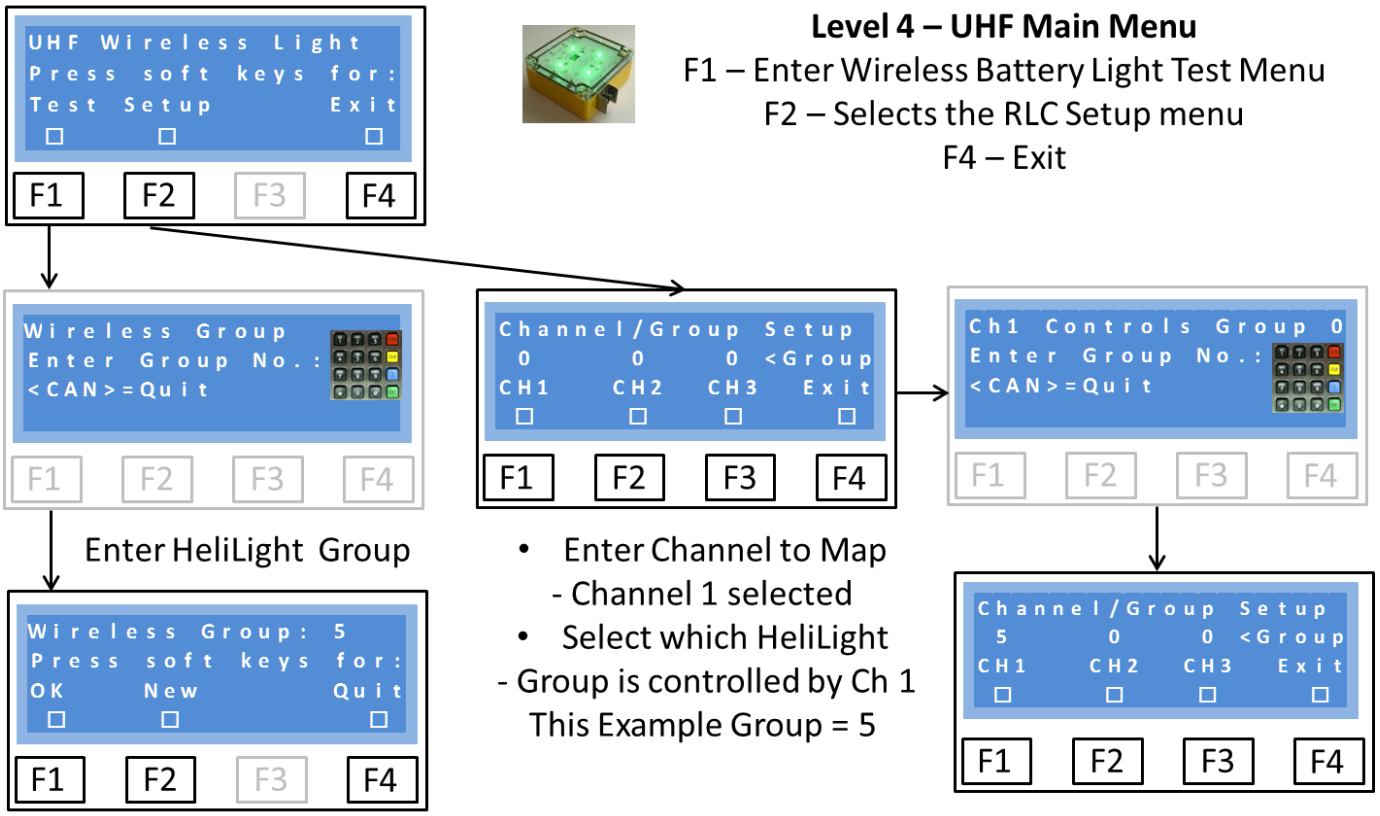
Before using the RLC to operate Battery HeliLights it is necessary to both define the channel to HeliLight 'Group' mapping and to test that the lights are operating correctly and that they are in range of the RLC.

Setting the Channel to Group Mapping

This operation can be performed without any HeliLights.

To configure the mapping select F2 'Setup' and the screen (centre) will appear confirming which Groups are mapped to the 3 channels (default is Group 0).

Press F1 – F3 to select which channel is to be configured and the screen (middle/right) will prompt for the Group number. Enter 0 – 9. The system will accept the value entered and display the new mapping (bottom right). Change the channels as required and then press F4 to Exit (and save mapping values).



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5.5.7 Testing the RLC – HeliLight Link – Test Menu 1

From the UHF Wireless Light Menu (previous page), select Test and then when prompted, enter the Group number of the HeliLight the RLC is to be tested with.

Note for this test only one HeliLight of the group should be on at any one time.

Confirmation of the Group number selected (5 in the above example) Press F1 to begin the test.

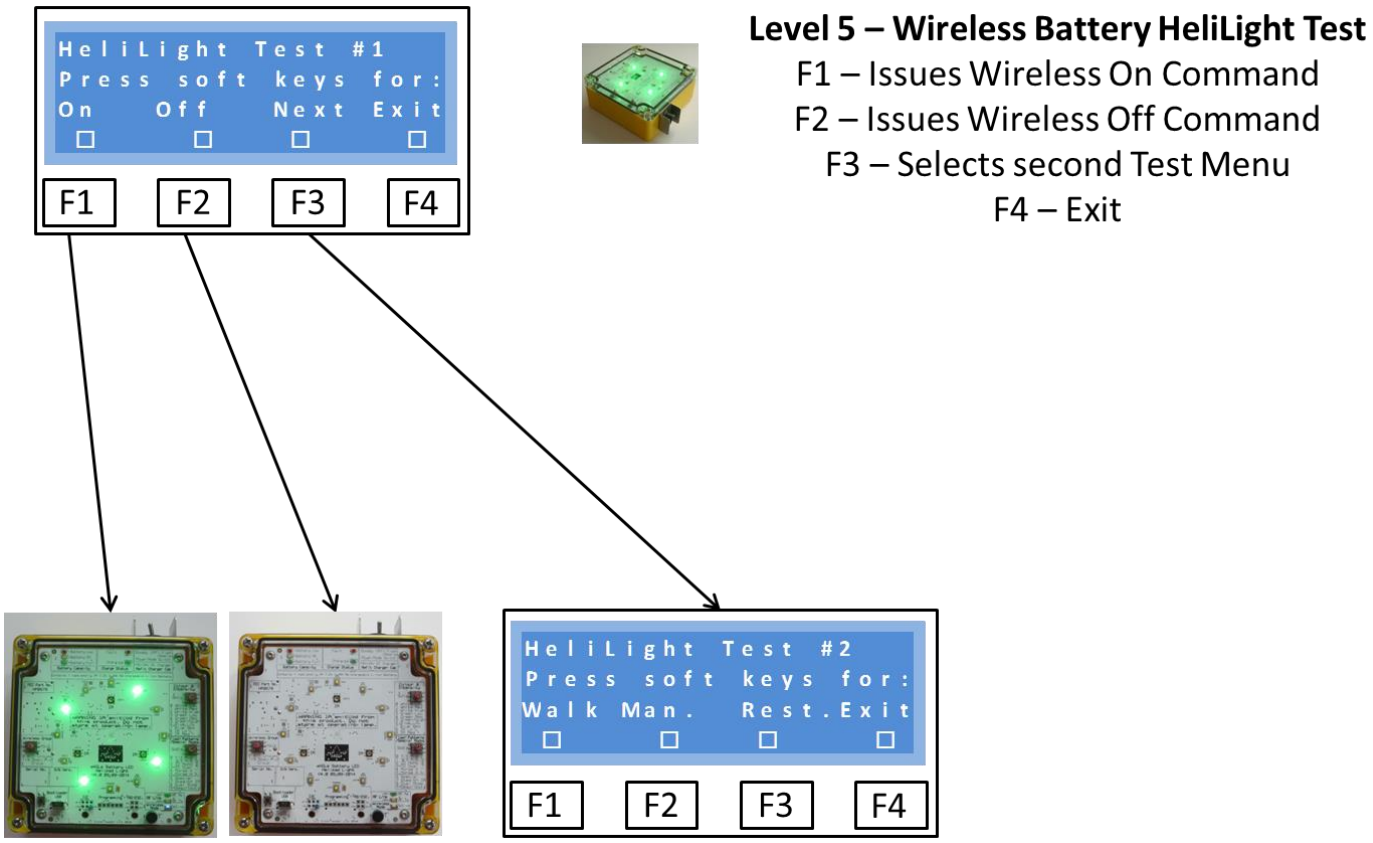
Note that for testing the Channel/Group mapping (previous section) is not relevant as the Group number is set just for the testing period.

At this point ensure that a HeliLight in Group selected is switched to On – Steady (HeliLight Manual refers).

Assuming that the HeliLight powered up in 'Manual Mode', pressing F1 (ON) and F2 (OFF) will turn the HeliLight on and off.

Note that starting in Manual Mode, when the first wireless On command is received the HeliLight will both enter Wireless Mode and turn the LEDs on. When the wireless Off command is received the HeliLight LEDs will go off but the unit remain in Wireless Mode.

To revert to Manual Mode and perform other tests, press F3 (Next) for test menu 2 (over).



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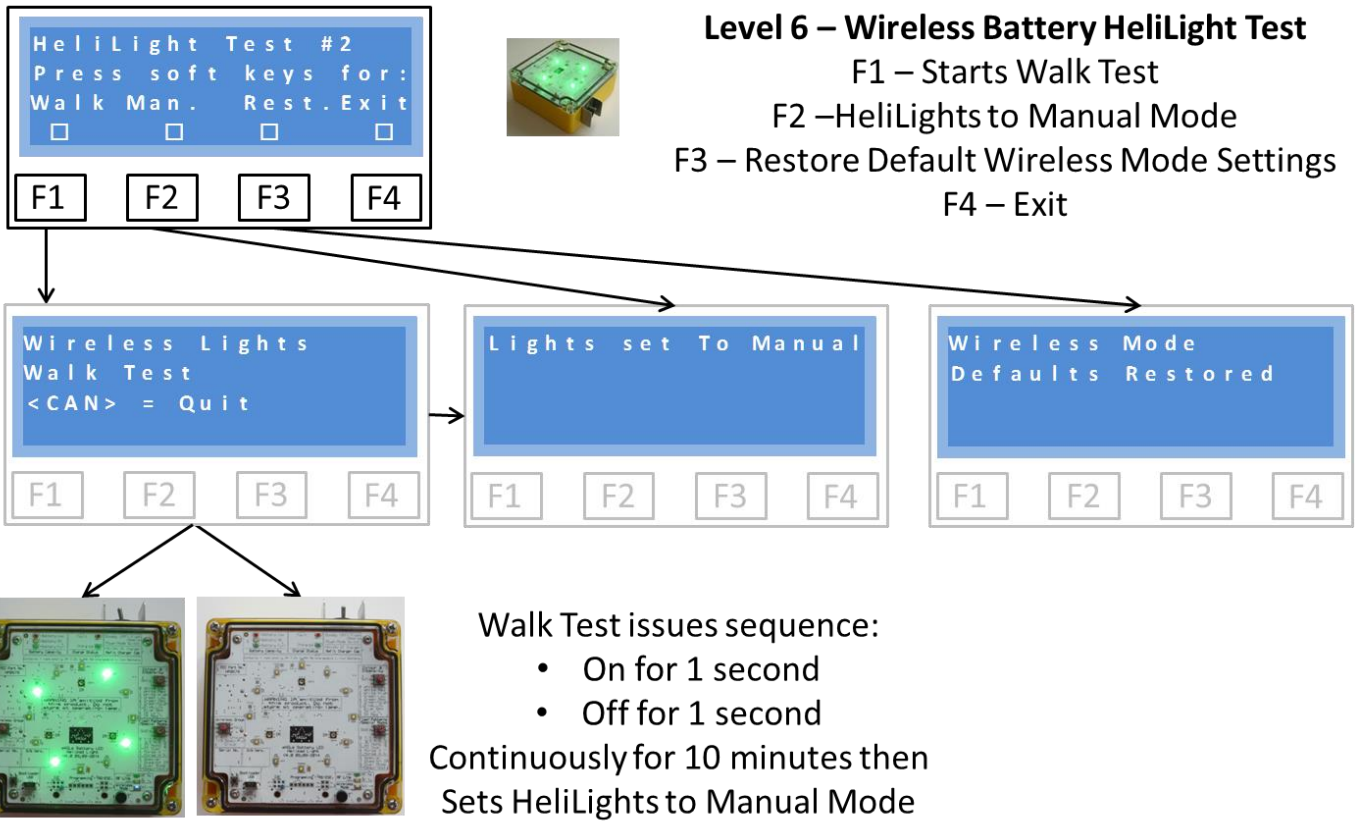
5.5.8 Testing the RLC – HeliLight Link – Test Menu 2

Walk Test

This menu enables a walk test to be performed to determine that the HeliLights are in range and both set the HeliLights to Manual Mode and restore the default wireless settings.



To perform a Walk Test, press F1 and the RLC will send alternating On and Off commands every second (1 second On, 1 second Off) and will continue to do for either:

1) Until the <CAN> key is pressed to cancel, or
2) 10 minutes have elapsed since entering menu mode.

Once the walk test is activated, simply go to the desired location of the lights and place on the ground to confirm that they continue to flash On/Off indicating they are receiving the signal. To ensure that the range is adequate it is advisable to go some distance beyond they chosen location to ensure the signal is still being received.

Manual

Pressing F2 sends the command to the HeliLight to re-enter Manual Mode (Wireless Mode blue LED on the HeliLight goes off).

Wireless Mode

Pressing F3 sends the command to the HeliLight to enter Wireless Mode (Wireless Mode blue LED on the HeliLight goes on) but does not turn any LEDs on.

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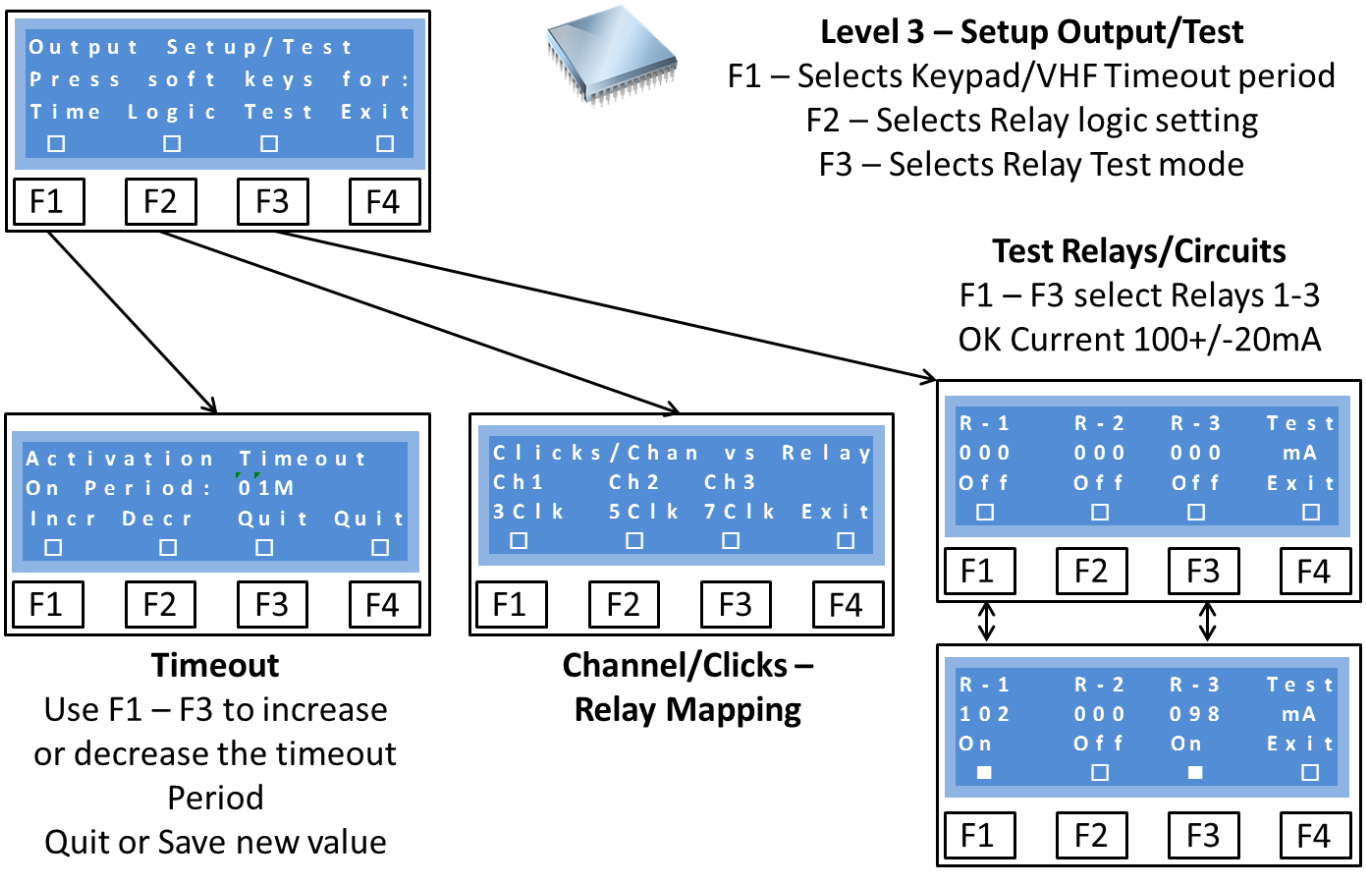
5.6 Output Setup Menu

There are two options for controlling the output (relays):

1) Setting the time-out following activation by either the VHF receiver or via the keypad
2) Mapping the relays that are activated as a consequence of the input from the VHF or GSM receivers or the keypad



5.6.1 Timer

The timer option allows the time-out period to be set in the range 1 to 60 minutes with a default setting of 15 minutes. Changes are made simply using the F1 & F2 keys and then either quitting or saving when happy with the new value.

5.6.2 Testing the Relays and Circuits

Each Relay and circuit can be tested in turn. After initial installation tests this is the first function that should be performed. Relays are tested from the same screen. Initially all of the relays are off and the screen will appear as that at the top right. Selecting F1, F2 and F3 activates Relays 1 – 3 respectively. If the relay operates properly the coil current (second row) should indicate 100 +/-20mA and the open box become a filled box. The relay can also be heard engaging and disengaging.

If the optional secondary circuit current measuring transducer is being used (see installation section) then the current flowing in the circuit will be shown in Amps (not shown).

Later versions of the software may include the option to register the correct value during installation and use it as part of the secondary safety validation process.

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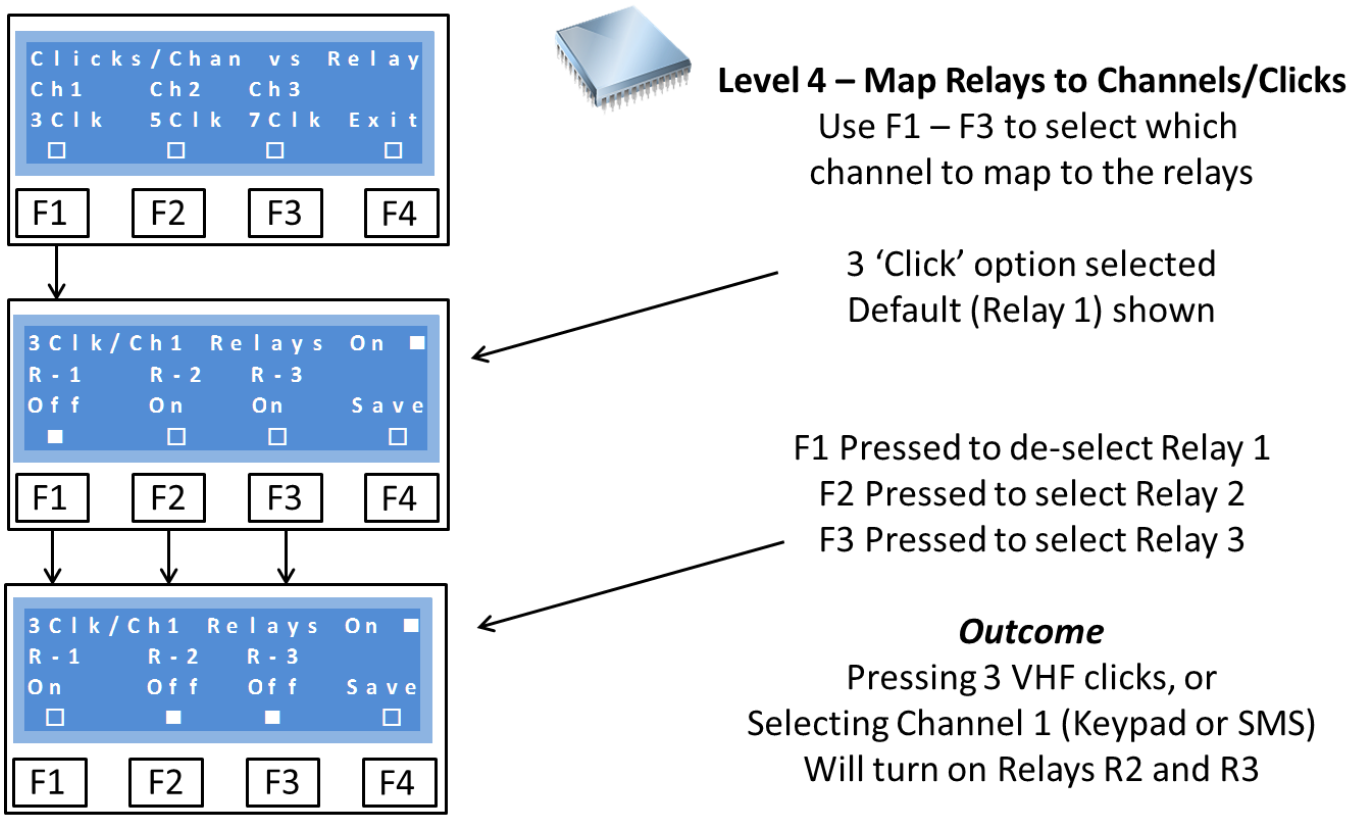
5.6.3 Relays – Setting which relays respond to inputs

By default the following mapping exists between inputs and relays set:
VHF: 3 Clicks – Relay 1, 5 clicks – Relay 2 and 7 Clicks – Relay 3
Keypad: Ch1 (channel 1) – Relay 1, Ch2 – Relay 2 and Ch3 – Relay 3
GSM: Ch1 (channel 1) – Relay 1, Ch2 – Relay 2 and Ch3 – Relay 3
Using this option allows any combination of relays to be mapped to these inputs.
Note: If no relays are selected the unit will not enter the timeout period.



In the above example, Ch1 or 3 Clicks will activate Relay 1 (by default).
This has then been changed instead to activate Relays 2 and 3.
This is a powerful facility for performing a variety of switching tasks.

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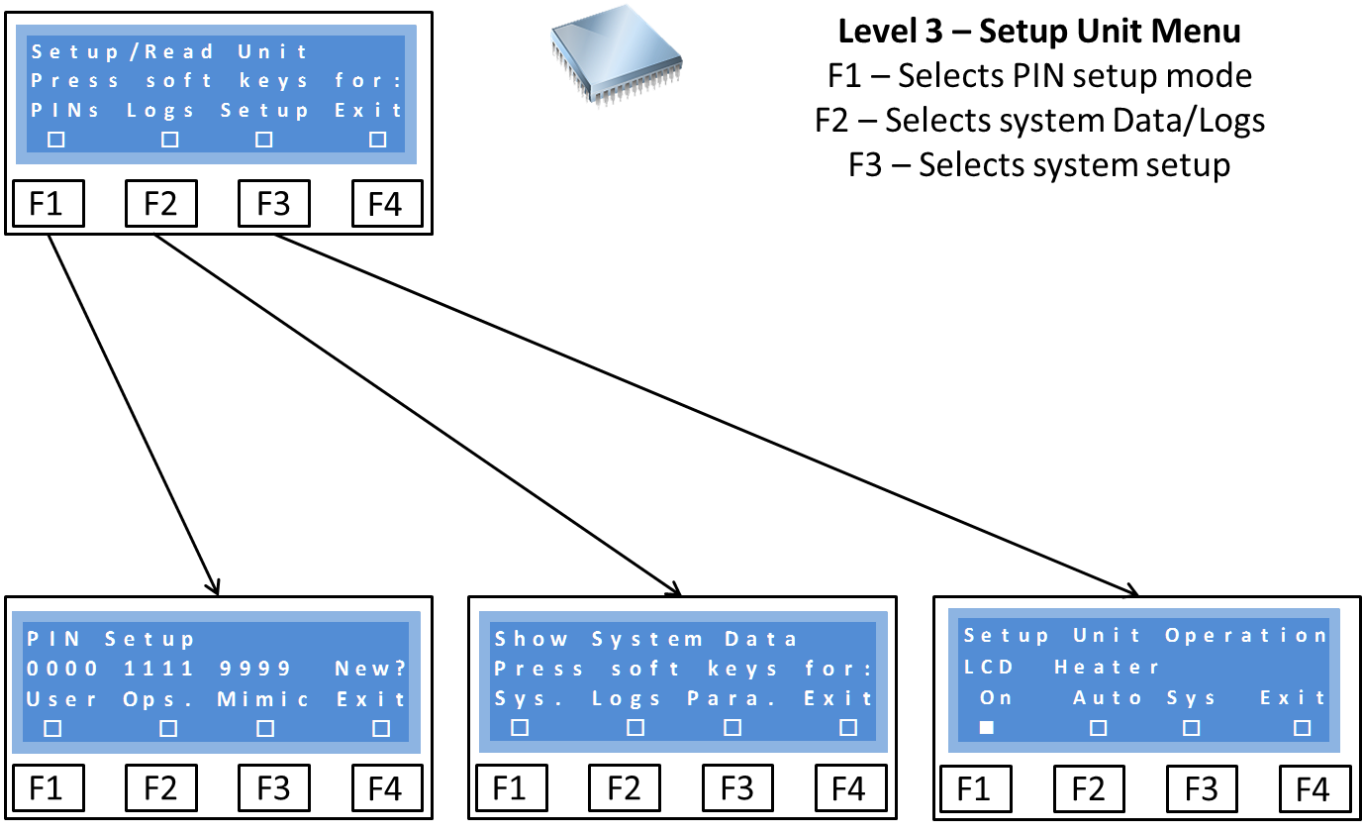
5.7 Setup Unit Menu

There are three options available to the Operator:

1) Set PIN numbers
2) Setup the System, and
3) Show System Data/Logs



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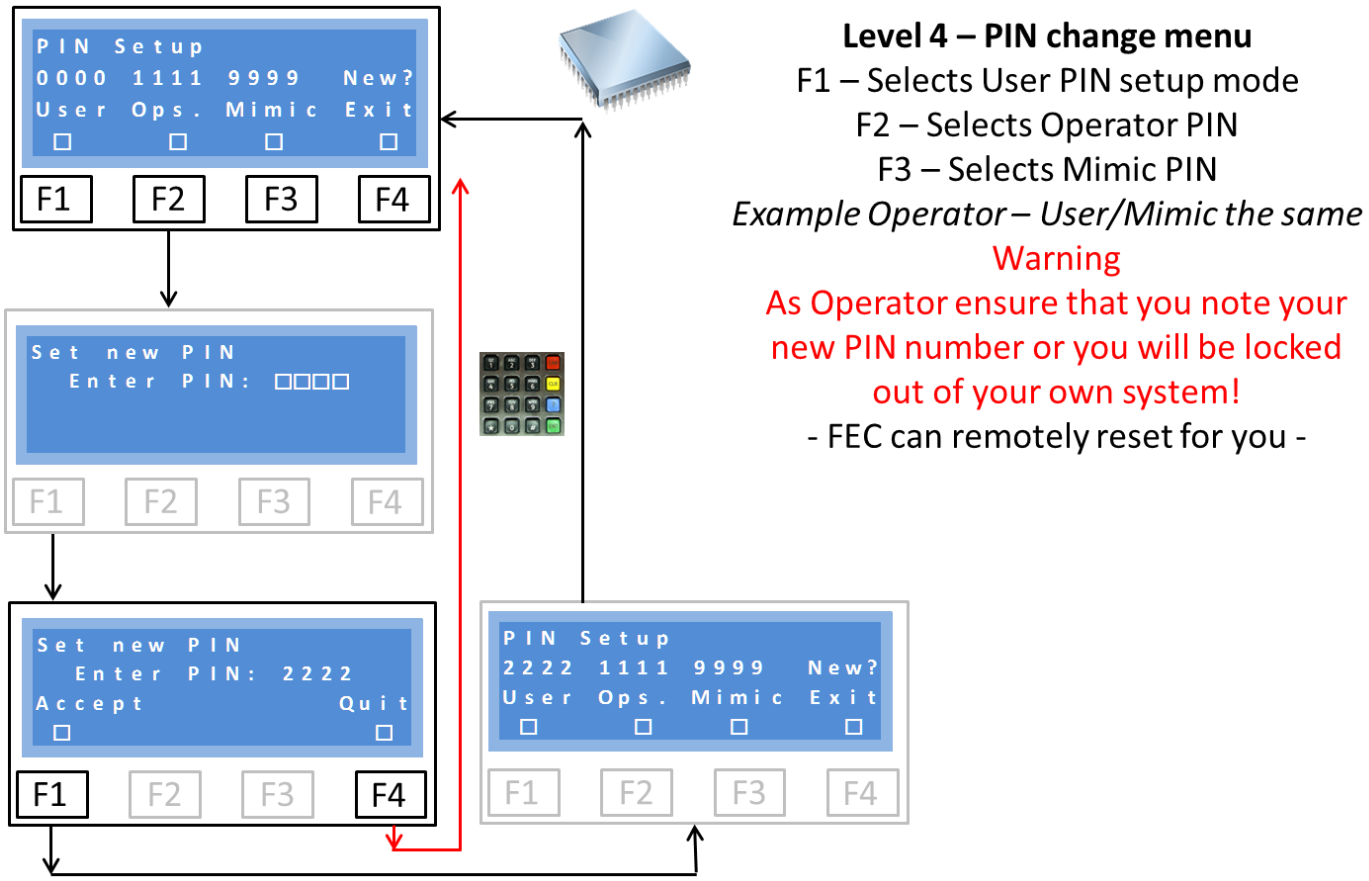
5.7.1 Setting PINs

The Operator can set PINs for Users, themselves and the Mimic panel.



The above example shows how the Operator can reset their own PIN.

Note the warning about forgetting the Operator PIN – you will be locked out of your own system and only have User privileges until reset.

If an Operator does lock themselves out, FEC will be able to remotely reset.

Entering a new PIN is also possible via SMS.

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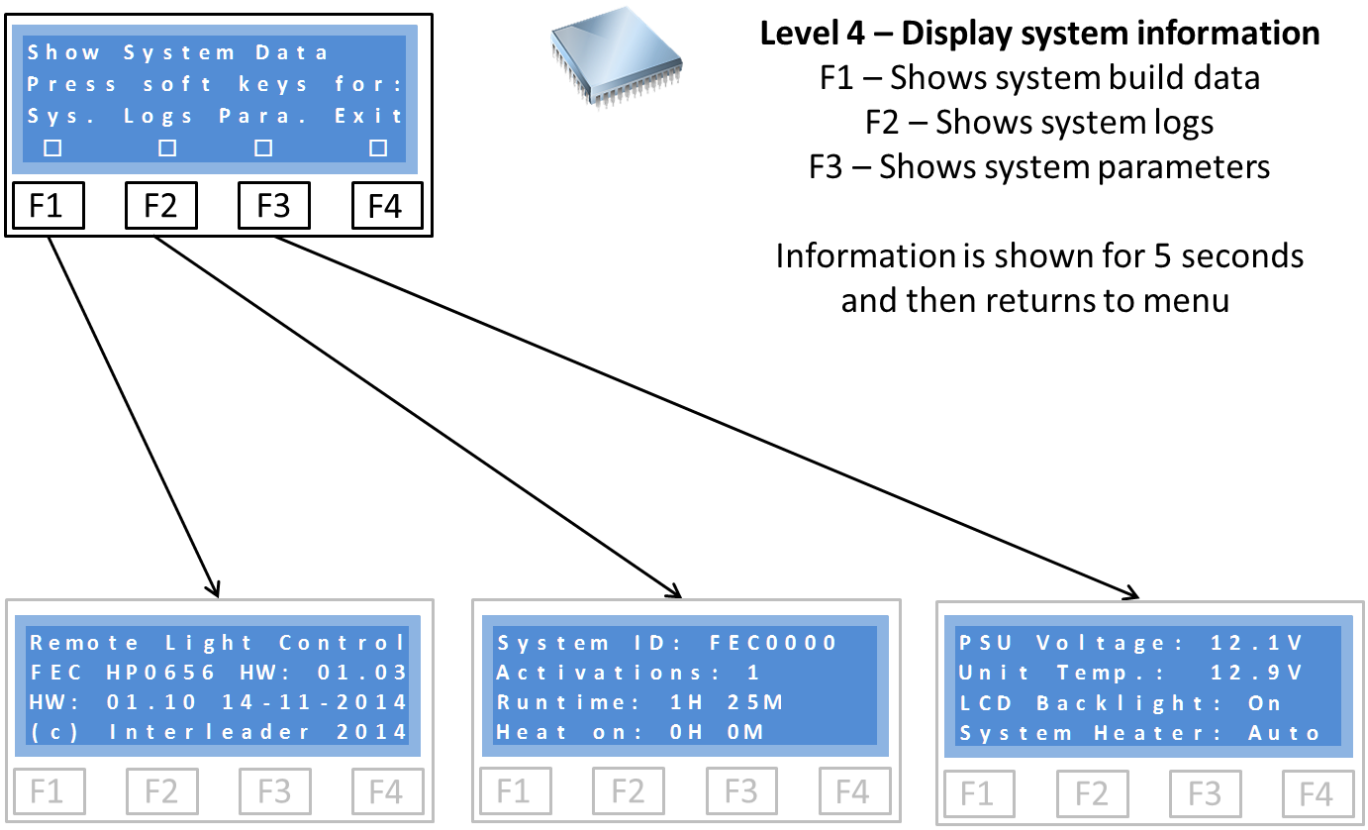
5.7.2 Show System Information

A number of configuration and system data are held and updated by the system. This information is available through this menu.



System

Shows the type and hardware & software configuration.

History Logs

Shows the system ID, the number of times the unit (not channels) has been turned on and off (activations), the total unit run-time and the time the heater has run for.

System Parameters

Shows the current Power Supply Unit (PSU) voltage and unit temperature and the configuration of the LCD Backlight (On – default or Off) and heater (Auto – Default or Off).

Note that if the unit is being run from a 12V battery, the PSU voltage will indicate the battery voltage.

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5.7.3 Setup Unit Operation

There are two main options:

1) Control of the LCD backlight and internal heater for power management, and
2) Systems update and restore

LCD

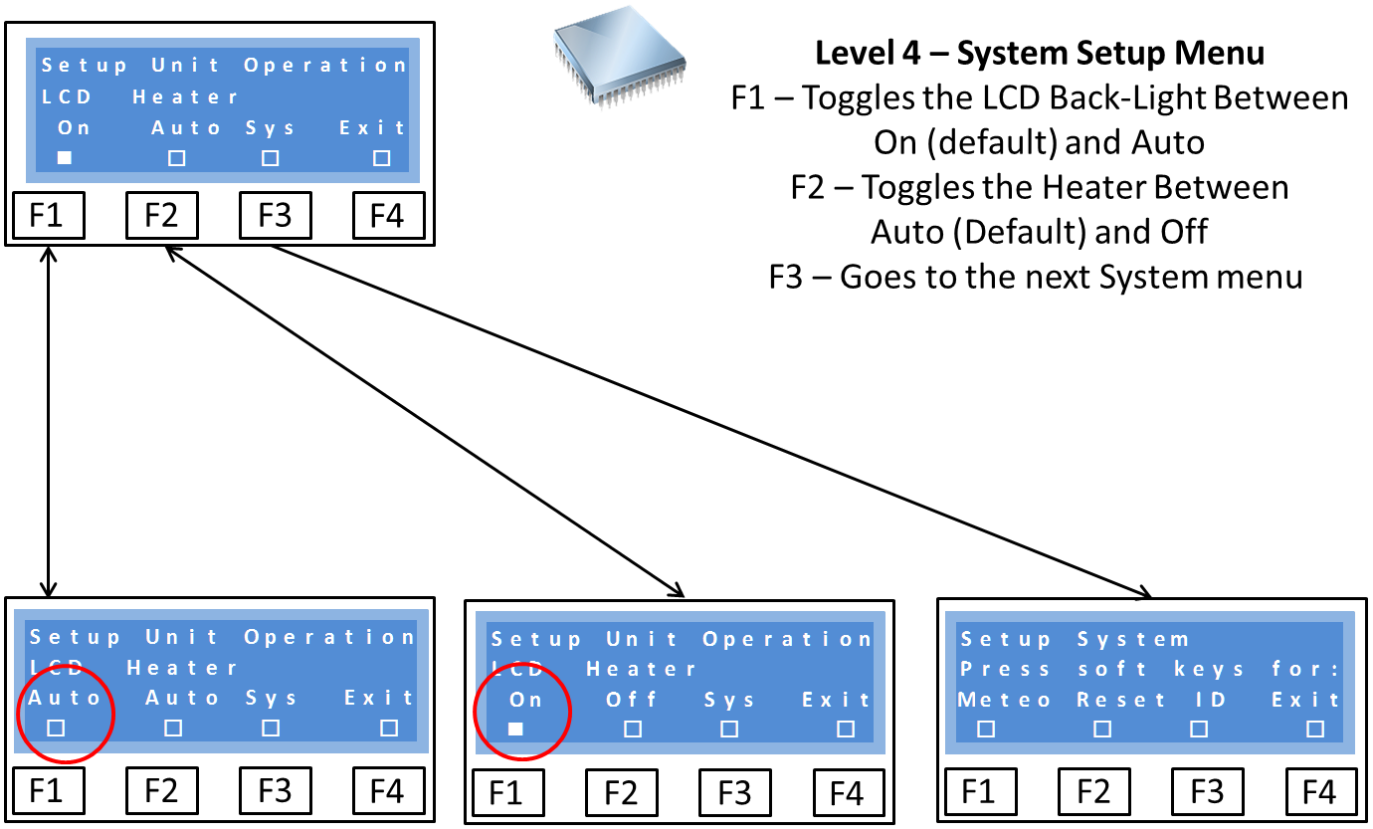
By default the LCD display Backlight is On. Optionally it can be set to Auto to save power. In auto mode the backlight goes off if no key is pressed or message sent to the screen for ten minutes. Touching a key or sending a message to the screen will immediately turn the back-light back on again.

Heater

By default the heater is in Automatic mode. As the internal temperature of the box drops towards freezing, the heater is run at increasing power to maintain the keyboard, display and electronics at a temperature above freezing. In a battery powered system the heater can be turned off to conserve power.

System Setup

See over



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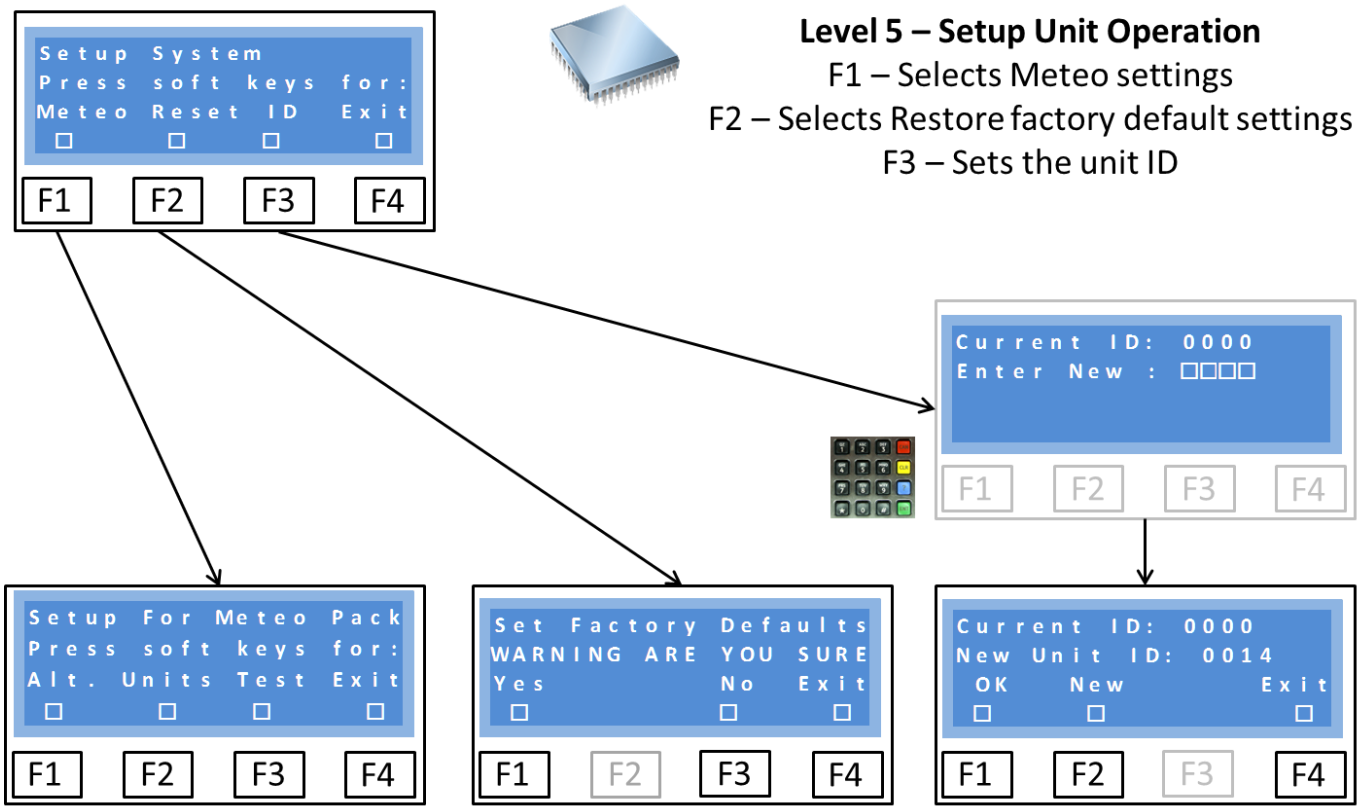
5.7.4 System Utilities

This option allows the operator to:

1) Configure the Meteorological Pack (MetPak) parameters
2) Restore all of the factory set default values, and
3) Set the ID number of the unit



Meteo Parameters

Next pages.

Restore Factory Defaults

This option puts the configuration back to the factory default. The default values are listed in the appendix.

WARNING – All entered telephone numbers, radio settings etc. will be lost

Unit ID

A four digit number between 0000 and 9999 can be entered to identify this unit. This identifier is prefixed to all outgoing SMS messages to identify the source.

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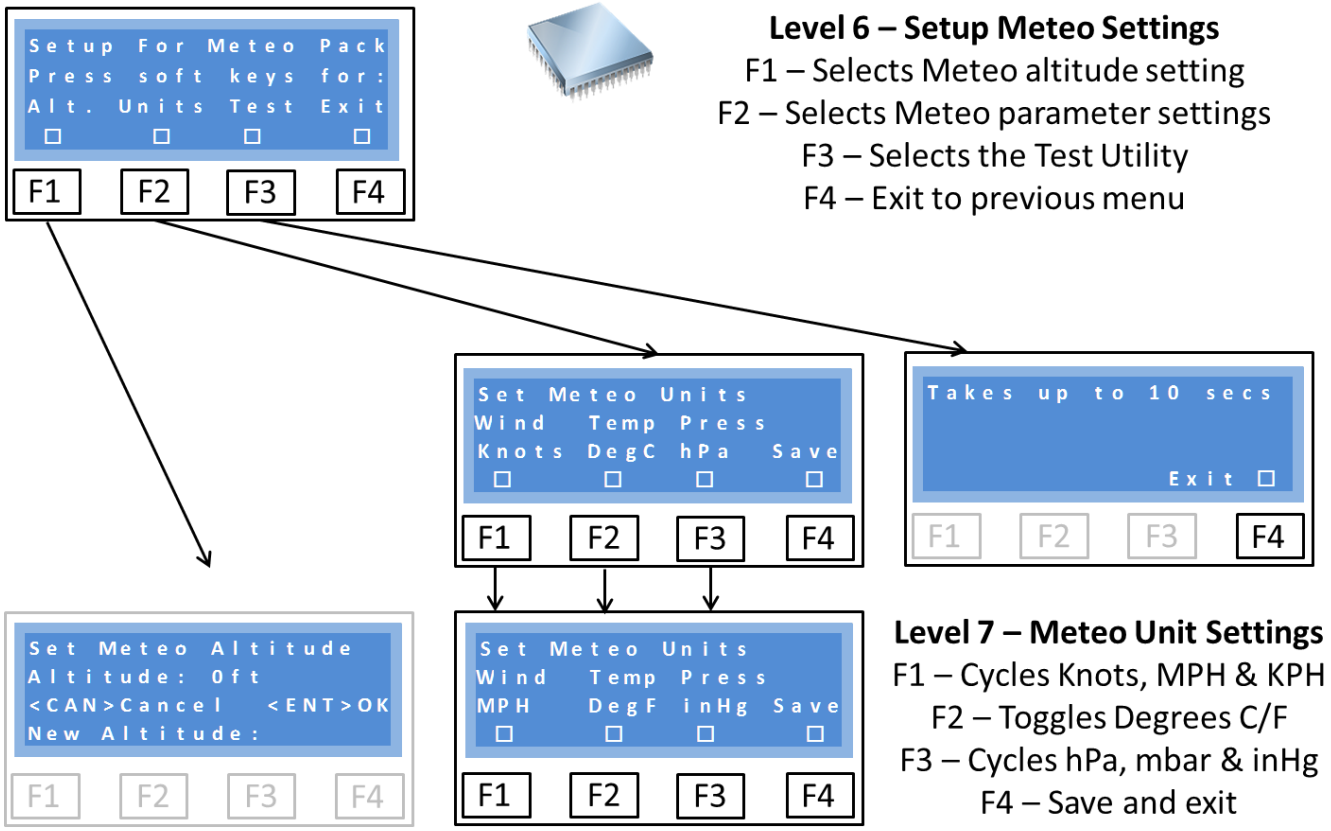
5.7.5 Meteo Setup - Units

The Meteo option allows the height of the meteorological station to be defined and, to cater for the wide variety of parameters used worldwide, the units the meteorological data will be presented in to be set.

The Meteorological instrument pack (MetPak) includes sensors to measure: Wind direction and speed, Temperature, Dew Point, Relative Humidity and Pressure.

The pressure reading assumes that the sensor is at 0 feet AMSL. Before the unit is used and report pressure information the height of the sensor above or below mean sea level must be entered into the unit.

It is also necessary to confirm what units the system will report in.



Meteo Altitude setting – next page.

To change the Meteo Units, select Units from the menu and press F1, F2 or F3 repeatedly to cycle through the available units for Speed, Temperature and Pressure respectively:

F1: Knots -> MPH -> KPH → Knots

F2: Degrees Celsius <-> Degrees Fahrenheit

F3: hPa -> mbar -> inHg → hPa

F4: Save and exit menu.

The reporting units can be changed by SMS command. See section on SMS commands.

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5.7.6 Meteo Setup - Altitude

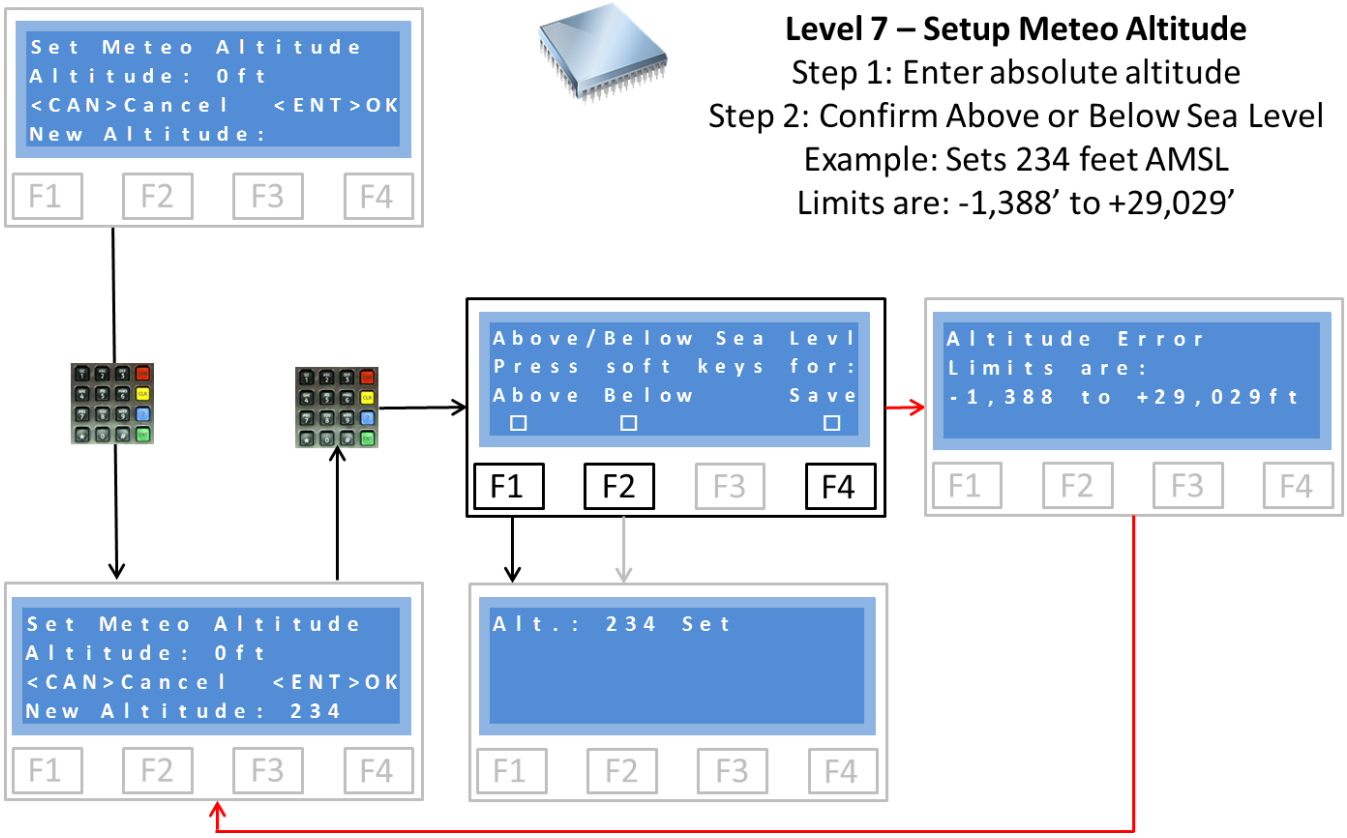
The pressure reading assumes that the sensor is at 0 feet AMSL.

Before the unit is used and will provide pressure information the height of the sensor above or below mean sea level must be entered into the unit.

Until this is done, the unit will not report pressure, instead it will report 'Pressure Uncalibrated' in meteorological reports.

The conversion factor is: Pressure Correction = Altitude * 0.036438 (hPa).

Note that this is simple correction sufficient for most situations but Operators must satisfy themselves that the reported figure is accurate for their implementation.



The current stored altitude (0 feet default as shipped) is displayed and the new (absolute) altitude prompted for. A maximum of 5 digits are allowed.

In the example above 234 feet has been entered. Press <ENT> and the system prompts whether this figure is Above or Below Mean Sea Level. Press F1 or F2 as appropriate. In the example above AMSL is chosen and the system immediately confirms that the new value has been set.

The altitude cannot be changed by SMS command.

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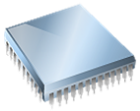
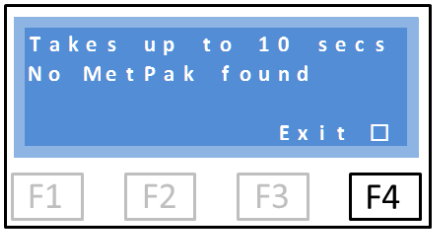
5.7.7 Meteo Setup - Test

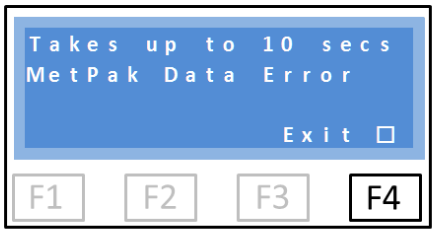
Selecting Test from the Meteo Menu will enter a test loop where the RLC will continually search for the MetPak and read the MetPak if found.



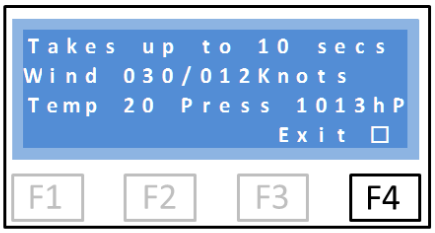
Level 7 – MetPak Test Utility
Continuously reads from MetPak
Press 'F4' to Exit



Screen is as above if no MetPak feed is found
Press 'F4' to Exit
(may take a second or two to respond)



Screen is as above if MetPak feed is found but data stream is corrupted
Press 'F4' to Exit
(may take a second or two to respond)



Screen is as above if MetPak feed is found and data stream is OK
Note units are the default values and pressure uncorrected for altitude
Press 'F4' to Exit

If no MetPak is detected, the screen will show:

No MetPak Found

If a MetPak is found but there is a data error then the screen will show:

MetPak Data Error

If the MetPak is found and the data is good, the screen will show:

Wind 0XX/0YY Knots

Temp ZZ Press ABCDhP

Note that these are a sub-set of the full report and in the default units of the MetPak. Press Exit to return to the main Meteo Menu.

Using other sources of data (local meteorological reports, hand held instruments etc.) confirm that the readings are as expected.

NB – The pressure reading is the raw pressure reading from the MetPak uncorrected for the station altitude. Refer to previous sections of the manual to ensure that the units and altitude are set correctly.

Using a GSM phone and with the RLC at the main menu, text the RLC for its status. The Meteorological data will be appended to the text in the chosen units and corrected for station altitude if entered.

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6 Installation

Installation of the FEC Remote Lighting Controller must be carried out by a suitably qualified electrician with full authority to undertake work in the safety critical environment of a helipad.

It is recommended that a formal Statement of Works, Standard Operating Procedure or similar is created and used for the initial installation and testing and all subsequent test and maintenance activities to ensure the safety of the installation and personnel.

6.1 Locating the Controller

The controller should be located in a secure location that is easy for operational staff to access the keypad and screen and appropriate for the aerials, mains and circuit wiring.

The enclosure is intended for wall mounting and, with suitable rails or adaptors, can be frame or pole mounted. Appendix 6 has a full size template for the mounting holes.

Although the enclosure is IP65 rated, a sheltered location is recommended.

Keep in mind that the controller will need:

1) Mains electricity supply and connection to the circuits to be controlled
2) An external VHF aerial connected, and
3) An external GSM aerial (supplied).

It is recommended that a mobile (cell) phone, on the same network as that intended for the controller, is used to check the signal strength/quality in the intended location.

6.2 Things you will need

Before starting the installation ensure that you have at least the following items in addition to those required for the rest of the installation:

1) A No.2 Philips (PH2) or No. 2 Pozidrive (PZ2) screwdriver to open the main enclosure.
2) A No. 0 or 1 Philips (PH1/2) or No. 1 Pozidrive (PZ1) screwdriver to access SIM cover.
3) The SIM (standard size not mini or micro) that you will be using. You will need to know the number to call it, but the controller does not need to know.
4) Fixing screws and wall plugs as required.

6.3 Preparing for Installation

Lay the controller on its back on a clean soft surface at least twice the width of the unit and undo the four corner retaining screws (note these screws are ‘captive’ and do not need to be fully removed).

Gently lift the front of the enclosure away from the base and lay face down to the left of the base unit. Be careful not to strain the cables as this could cause permanent damage.

Disconnect the following cables from the keypad enclosure:

1) Main power and relay controller ribbon cable
2) VHF BNC Aerial cable, and
3) Meteorological pack connection cable (if fitted)

Note: 1) and 3) may have retaining screws. Use a PH1/2 or PZ2 screwdriver to remove and use a small amount of Loctite 248 Medium Strength thread locking compound on re-assembly.

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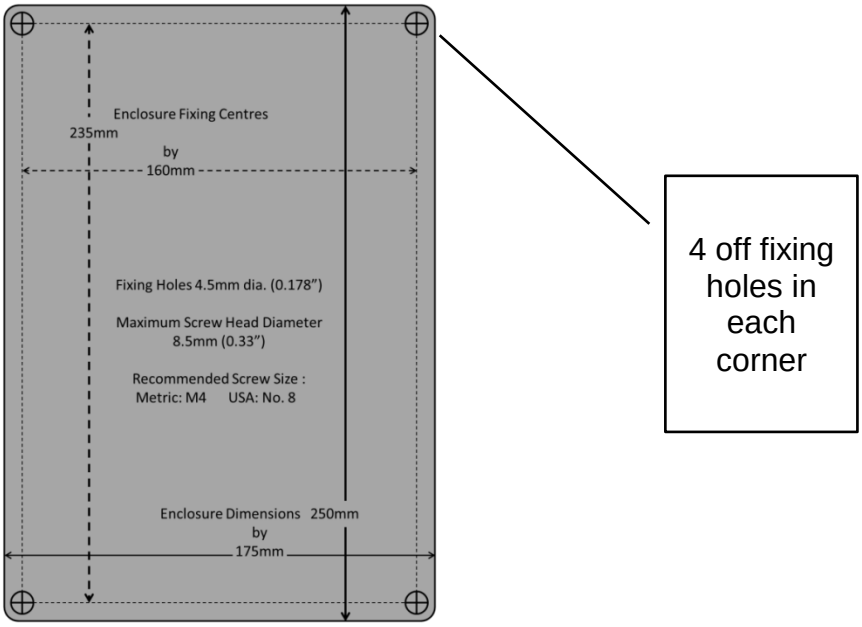
6.4 Installing the Base Unit

Either by measurement or using the template in Appendix 1, mark out and drill (and plug) the surface to which the controller is to be fixed.



If the fixing screws are not in a convenient position for the surface on which the controller is to be fixed then the use of rails, frames or battens is recommended.

DO NOT DRILL HOLES THROUGH THE ENCLOSURE BASE

The fixing screws are in the same position as the top cover retaining screws. The maximum screw diameter is 4.5mm (0.178") and a maximum head diameter of 8.5mm (0.33"). Recommended screw sizes are Metric M4 or USA No. 8 of a suitable length and type for the surface.

Mount the base of the enclosure and ensure that the fixing screws are secure but do not over-tighten as this could damage the enclosure and compromise the IP65 rating.

Once the base has been fitted, the unit can be wired up (next section). Take particular care not to damage the Power Supply Unit, Relay Driver board and Relays during the installation of cables.

In anticipation that many installations will only require two cables to be fitted, one of the cable glands is fitted with a nylon plug to ensure integrity of the enclosure if only two cables are required. To use this gland, simply remove the plug. If replacing, do not over-tighten as this may permanently damage the gasket.

6.5 Installing the GSM aerial

The GSM aerial is shipped attached to/in the outer packaging. Carefully remove it from the plastic bag and screw onto the external aerial connector. Do not over-tighten as this may permanently damage the aerial or socket but ensure it is fully home.

Be careful when handling the front panel to ensure that the aerial is not damaged.

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6.6 Electrical Installation

It is recommended that mains cables are fixed first to avoid damage to aerial or signal cables.

If the FEC RLC is to be operated from a mains power supply it must be connected to the supply using a fused double pole isolator.

The controller has a maximum power consumption of 30watts so if the supply is only powering the controller (the switched circuits being separate) then a 5 Amp fuse should be used.

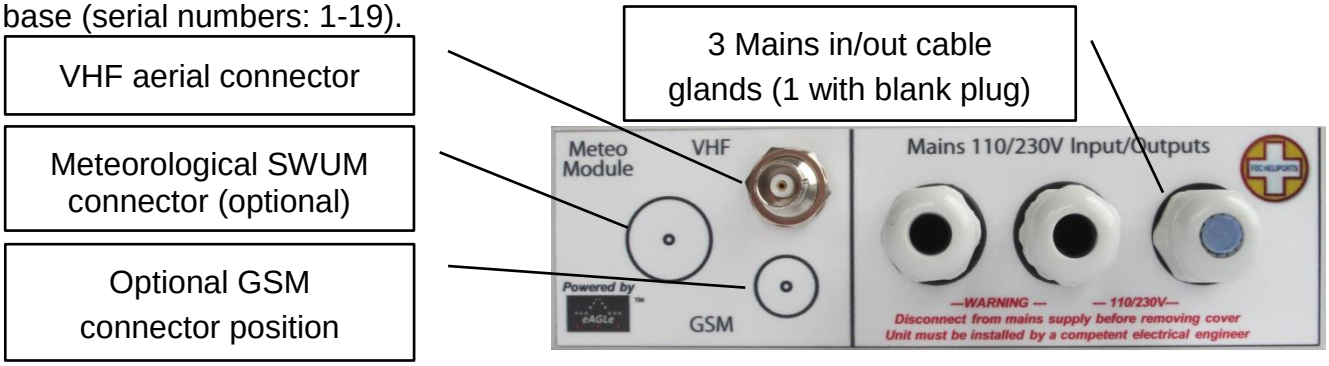
If the same supply is to be used both to power the controller and the switched circuits then the cable, switch and fuse rating need to be sized accordingly.

WARNING – If the circuits to be switched are fed from a separate isolator it is imperative that this is also isolated before work is commenced.

6.7 Circuit Connectors and Cable Entry

6.7.1 V1 Enclosure

The Picture below shows the connectors and cable entry arrangements on the bottom of the base (serial numbers: 1-19).

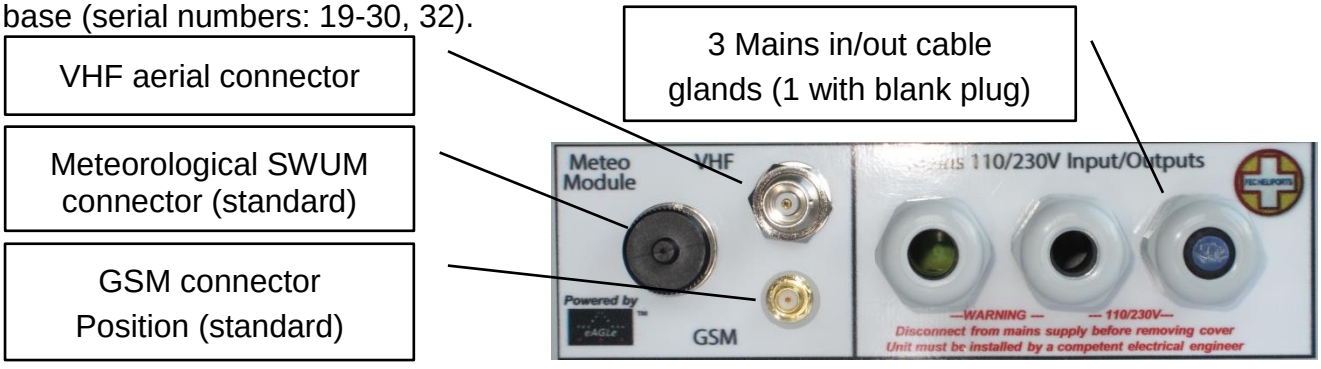


Notes:

1) An external GSM aerial is fitted on top of the unit and should prove sufficient for most installations. If necessary an external GSM aerial option pack is available.
2) The Meteorological SWUM connector will only be fitted on units that have this option ordered at the time of supply. If not fitted this will be blank (as photo).

6.7.2 V2 Enclosure

The Picture below shows the connectors and cable entry arrangements on the bottom of the base (serial numbers: 19-30, 32).



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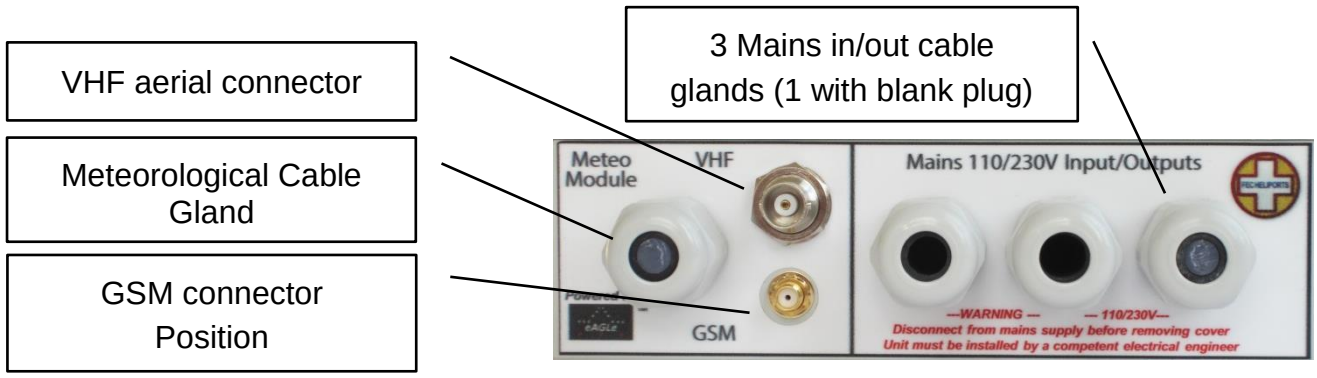
6.7.3 V3 Enclosure

The Picture below shows the connectors and cable entry arrangements on the bottom of the base (serial numbers: 33+).



6.7.4 V3 Enclosure*

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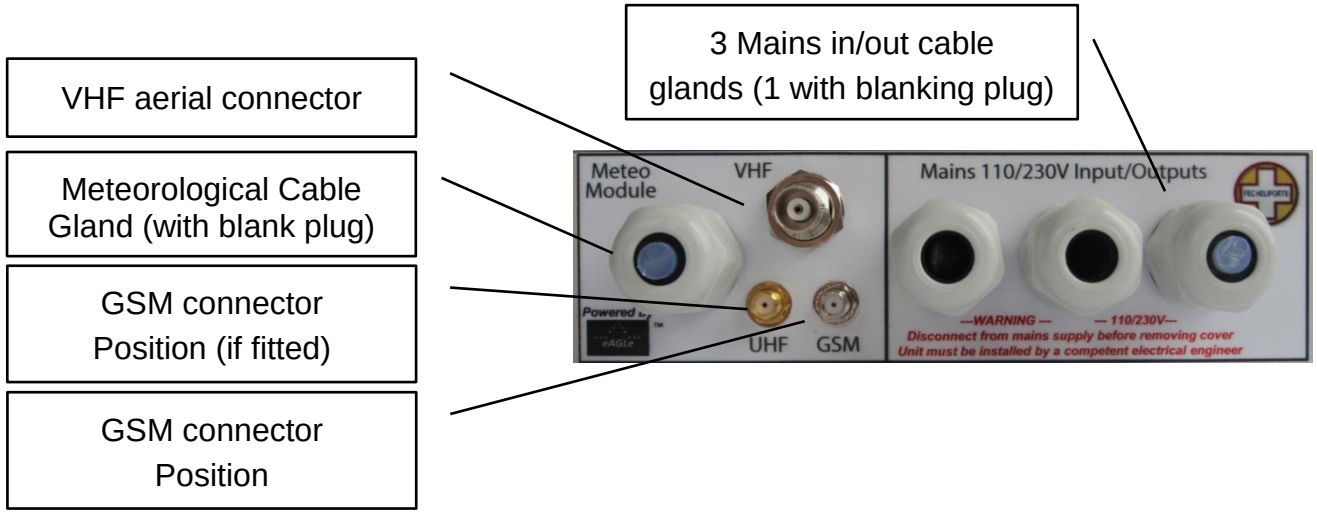

6.8 Relays

Three 20 Amp Finder type 22.23 relays are fitted to the controller. Each has 1 Normally Open (NO) and 1 Normally Closed (NC) contact set as shown in the schematic (box right).

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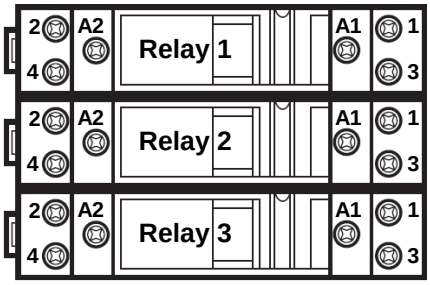

HP0656: Finder 22.23 Relay Connections

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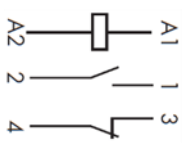
A2 – Coil – DO NOT TOUCH
1 – NO1
2 – COM1
3 – NC2
4 – COM2



Top view as mounted in base

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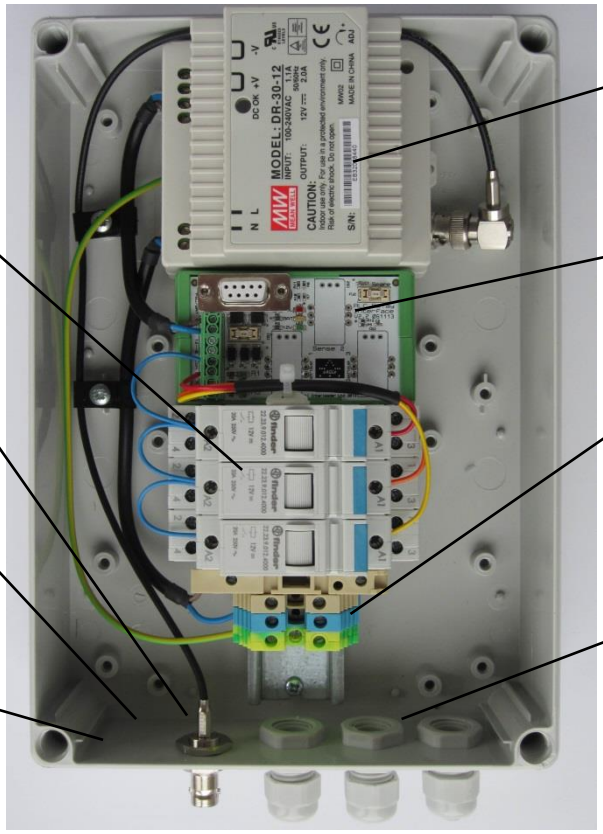
6.9 Mains wiring

The arrangement of the base units is shown below (V1 Enclosure).



Notes:

1) Live (Brown), Neutral (Blue) and Earth (Green/Yellow) 4mm IMO DIN rail mounted connector strips are provided for customer wiring.
2) Additional connectors can be added by the customer but pay particular attention to:
    a. Such connectors are often open on one side. Care must be taken to ensure that the open side is always covered by its neighbour or end plate.
    b. The earth connector is fixed and grounded to the DIN rail by a central screw. To move this connector, slacken the central screw, move as required and re-tighten.
    c. The Earth connector provides the earth bonding connection to the controller.
    d. The connectors must be gently pushed tight against the PSU and Relay Interface Board to ensure that these items are prevented from sliding on the rail.
3) The controller is fitted with a mains powered 12V Power Supply Unit (PSU). The installer must connect this to the incoming mains supply via the fuse (provided) using suitable 2 core cable (2x1mm 240V). The PSU is double insulated and is not earthed.
4) The relays are rated at 20A AC for a resistive load.
5) If higher currents or highly inductive loads are to be switched by the controller the use of an external ‘Contactor’ of the correct rating must be used.

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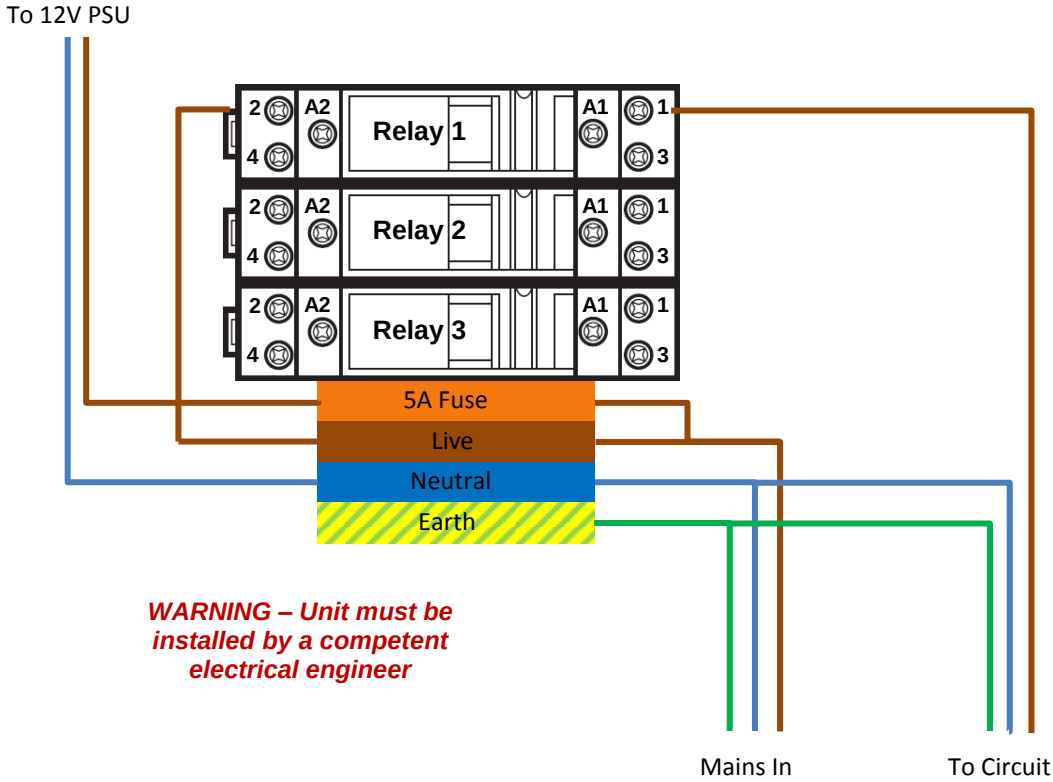
6.10 Basic Wiring Diagram (No secondary current sense)

A simplified circuit diagram is shown below for a single switched circuit.

NB – To allow the lights to be operated in the event of a unit failure it is strongly recommended that a mains by-pass switch is incorporated into the circuit by a qualified electrician.



Notes

1) The 5A fuse in the DIN rail holder is for fusing the feed to the 12V PSU only.
2) Installers can add additional DIN rail mounting Live, Neutral and Earth terminals.
3) DIN Rail mounting fuse holders may also be added.
4) If additional items are added to the rail, follow the instructions below.
5) Secondary circuit load characteristics may require an external contactor.

DIN Rail Mounted Items

DIN rail mounting terminals etc. generally ‘snap’ onto the rail with plastic clips either side.

The Earth terminal has grips onto the rail which are metal, connected to the terminal block (to earth the rail) and actuated by the middle screw (of three).

To add terminal blocks:

a) Slacken the middle screw of the earth block and slide it down the rail (there is no need to remove it)
b) Snap in the required additional terminals (sliding others as required)
c) Push the earth terminal back up to ensure no gaps between terminal and re-tighten the middle screw

NB – Ensure that no live connections are exposed by the insertion of additional connectors.

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6.11 Basic Circuit Testing

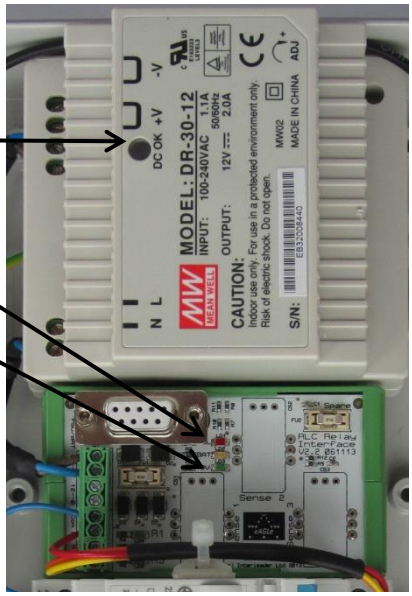
Even before connecting the keypad, the circuits can be tested as the relays incorporate manual testing buttons.

Once the mains wiring has been completed and it is safe to energise the controlled circuit, turn on the mains supply.

6.11.1 12V DC PSU

Check that the following LEDs are lit:

1) The green LED on the PSU marked 'DC OK
2) The red 'PSU' LED on the PSU and Relay Interface Board, and
3) The green '12V' LEDs on the PSU and Relay Interface Board

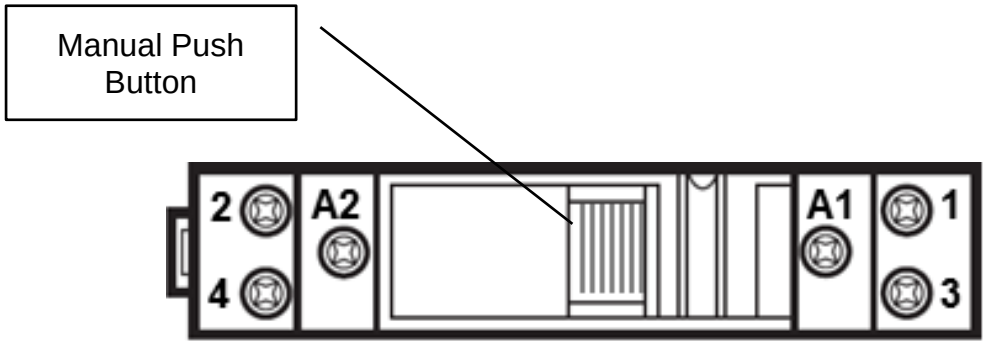


If the LED on the PSU does not light, then check the mains supply, cable and fuse.

If the LED on the PSU lights but the LEDS on the PSU and Relay Interface Board do not light suspect a continuity problem with the DC feed cable to the board. If this cannot be resolved there is a fault with the unit which must be returned.

6.11.2 Manually checking the mains switched circuit

To test the mains switched circuit, press the button on the top of the relay(s).



This will make the contact for the normally open contact and break the contact for the normally closed contact.

Once the PSU and circuit have been checked as above the controller can be re-assembled in the reverse order that it was taken apart and the front cover attached.

6.11.3 Secondary Current Circuit Sensing

A simplified circuit diagram for optional secondary current sensing is shown in the appendix 2.

Note that this option requires a revised version of the relay and PSU interface board which must be specified at the time of ordering.

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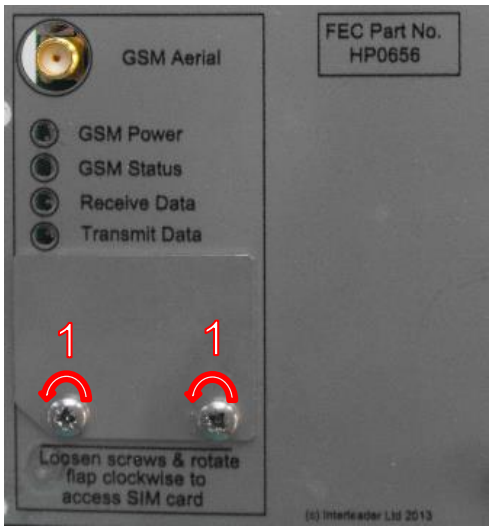
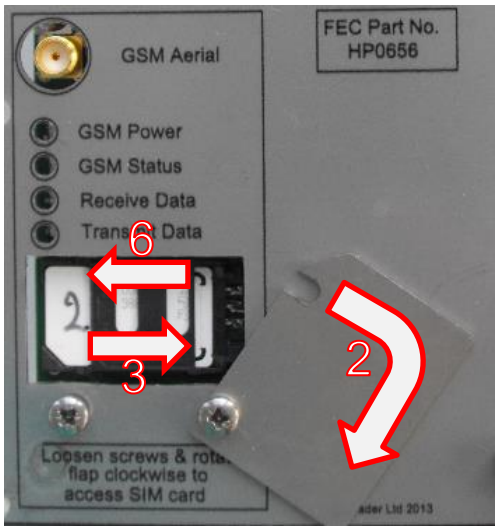
6.12 Inserting the SIM

While the front panel including the keypad and LCD are disconnected and before re-assembly the SIM should be fitted.

The SIM is located behind a rotating flap on the back of the keypad unit (below left).





To fit SIM:

1) Slacken the two screws (using a Philips PH1/2 or Pozidrive PZ2 screwdriver). There is no need to remove the screws or plate
2) Rotate the flap clock-wise as shown
3) Slide the plastic SIM carrier gently to the right and then pull forward
4) Insert the SIM into the plastic SIM carrier (metal contacts to the left/inside and the ident corner downward
5) Close the flap making sure that the SIM is in, correctly aligned and properly seated
6) Slide the plastic SIM carrier to the left until a ‘click’ is heard or felt
7) Rotate the flap back into place and gently re-tighten the screws.

6.13 Final Assembly

Re-attach the ribbon cable(s) between the front panel unit and the base unit.

Re-attach the VHF aerial cable to the BNC socket.

Re-assemble the front cover to the base unit and tighten the retaining screws firmly but not too tight.

Take care that:

1) All connectors and cables are secure and that they are not caught in anything.
2) The enclosure retaining screws are screwed in evenly and firmly but not too tight

You are now ready to configure the unit (section 6).

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7 Summary Specification

- Controller modes: 3 - VHF PCL or GSM/SMS or Keypad
- VHF Frequency Range: 118 to 137 MHz
- Channel spacing (V1 Receiver): 25kHz
- Channel spacing (V2 Receiver): 8.33kHz
- VHF Sensitivity: > -90dBm
- Frequency selection: Any channel within the Air Band
- VHF aerial: BNC - External remote mounted (Not supplied)
- GSM Bands: Tri-Band
- Network: Operators choice subject to coverage
- Tariff: Account (recommended) or pre-pay
- GSM aerial: SMA Connector for remote mounted aerial (supplied)
- UHF aerial: SMA Connector for remote mounted aerial (supplied)
- Degree of protection: IP65 (general)
- LCD and Keypad protection: IP65 and 'vandal resistant'
- Unit operating temperature: -25°C to +50°C
- System Storage temperature: -25°C to +80°C
- Compliance: ROHC Compliant except exempt items (radios)
- Operating voltage (AC): 100-240V AC 50-60Hz
- Electrical Protection 5A 20mm Fuse
- Operating voltage (DC): 12V DC
- Max voltage range (DC): 10V – 15V DC
- Power (standby – LCD Backlight On): 12V DC: 3 watts (approx.) 240V AC: 9.10W
- Power (standby – LCD Backlight Off): 12V DC: 2.25 watts (approx.) 240V AC: 8.33W
- Power (all relays active): 12V DC: 6.25 watts (approx.) 240V AC: 11.55W
- Power (GSM transmitting): 12V DC: 10 watts (maximum)
- Max power consumption: DC/AC: 30 watts (including optional winter heater)
- Relay capacity: 3 off 20A Relays (1 NO, 1NC)
  DIN rail mounting
- Cable Entry (Mains): 3 off M16 Cable glands – 10mm max cable diameter
- Cable entry (MetPak) V1/V2 Enclosure: 8 Pin SWUM DIN connector
- Cable entry (MetPak) V3 Enclosure: M16 Cable gland
- Monitoring (Option) Measurement of Secondary Circuit Current
- Size: Height - 11" (280mm)
  Depth - 6.5" (165mm)
  Width - 7" (180mm)
- Enclosure material: ABS
- Weight (with shipping packaging): 2.5kg 5.5lbs (3.9kg 8.6lbs)
- Warranty: 2 years return to FEC (excluding relays)

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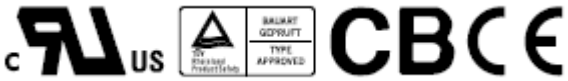
8 Power Supply Unit Specification

All specifications are manufacturer's data:

- Manufacturer: Meanwell
- Manufacturers Model No.: DR-30-12
- Universal AC input/Full range 100-240V AC 50-60 Hz
- Input current: 1.1A
- Protections: Short circuit/Over load/Over voltage
- Cooling by free air convection
- Can be installed on DIN rail TS-35/7.5 or 15
- Isolation class
- LED indicator for power on
- 100% full load burn-in test
- Approvals:



9 Spare Parts

The following spare parts are available and can be fitted by users:

9.1 Relays

Spare relays are available that can be easily fitted by the user/operator.

The tools required to access the controller are:

- Medium flat tipped or PZ No 2 or PH No 2 cross-head screw driver to remove cover and detach relays from rail and disconnect/reconnect wiring.

9.2 Other

There are no other user serviceable parts.

Items requiring repair need to be returned to FEC.

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10 Diagnostics and Fault Finding

The following are the range of simple tests that an end-user of the controller can perform – to be carried out in the order given.

Warning

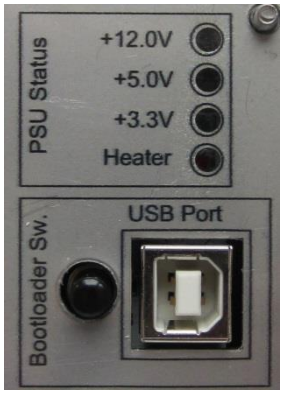
If the controller is mains powered, the controller box will contain dangerous voltages.

A qualified electrician must perform all of the necessary safety checks on the unit prior to any other tests being carried out.

Basic Visual Checks – Ensure that:

- The unit is properly mounted, secure and appears physically undamaged
- There are no signs of overheating
- The wiring, switches and fuses that power the unit are all working as expected

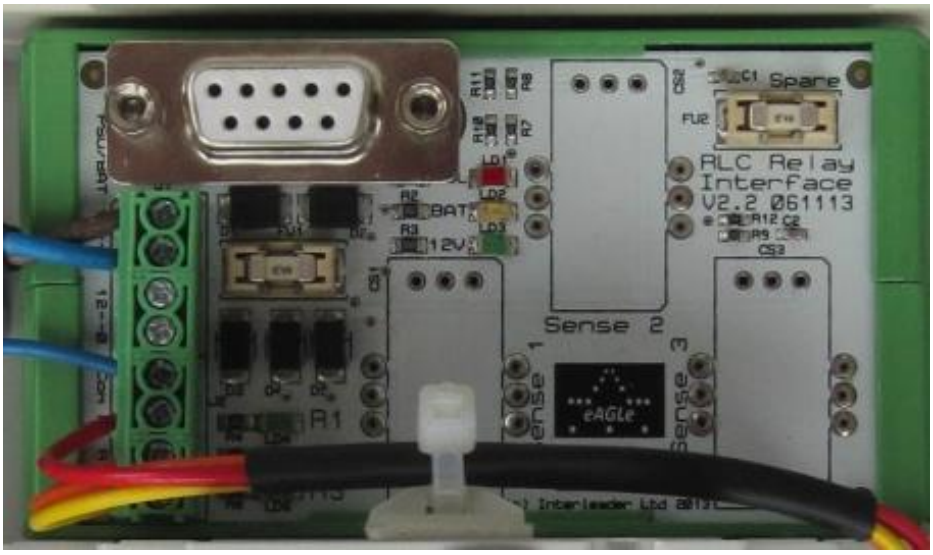
Basic Operational Checks – Ensure that:



- The PSU Status LEDs are as follows:
- +12.0V – Lit
- + 5.0V – Lit
- + 3.3V - Lit
- The LCD back-light comes on when a key is pressed
- The controller responds correctly to keypad inputs.

Basic Power Checks – In the event that neither of the above works

- Isolate the power and remove the front cover
- Visually check that all of the cable are fitted correctly
- Re-apply power and observe determine if LEDs on PSU and Relay board are lit (see earlier section)
- If so – are the LEDs in the back of the Keypad enclosure lit



If all of the above are OK but the LCD is still not backlit and the keypad does not work there is a fault that requires the unit to be returned for repair

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11 Appendix 1 – Software Updater

The FEC RLC can be updated with new software in situ.

To update the software requires a Windows PC and a USB cable with type ‘A’ plug one end and type ‘B’ the other.

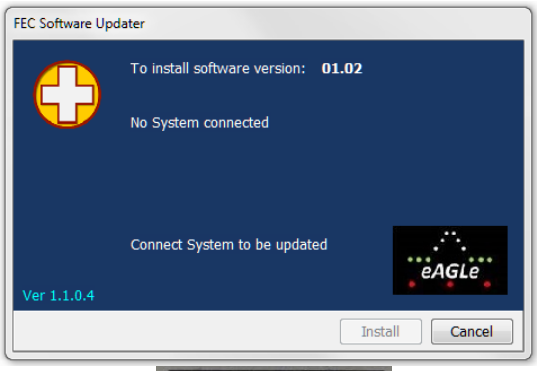
The installer requires neither software nor drivers to be installed on your PC – the standard Windows HID drivers already installed are used.

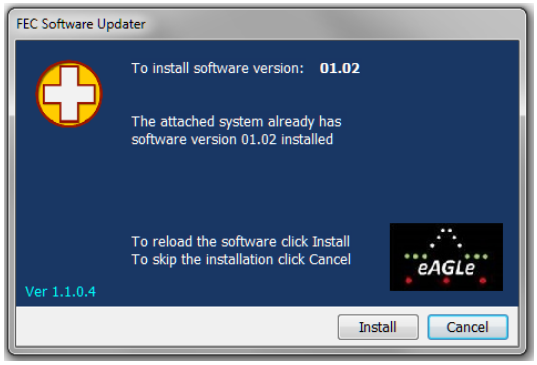
Software updates can be emailed to you as a self-extracting zip file.

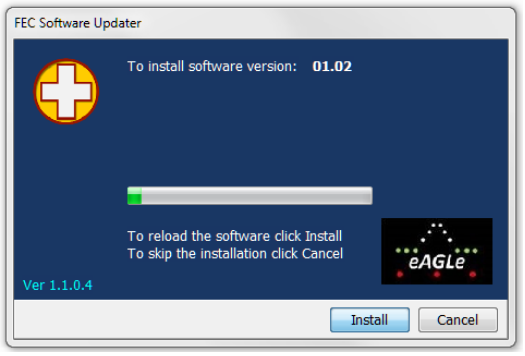
To update the software (initiated through the Boot-loader Switch):

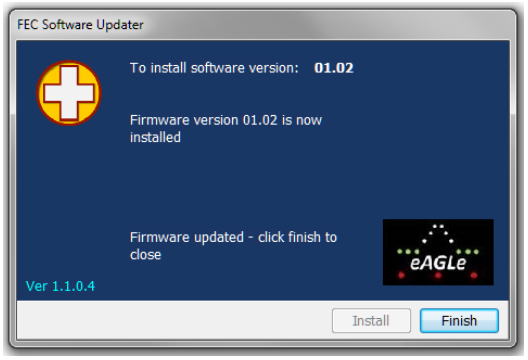
The following is the simplest way of initiating the uploading of new software.

1) Read the instructions and information contained in the readme file that is sent with the new software
2) Turn the unit off and disconnect from the normal power source
3) Open the enclosure as described in earlier sections (open carefully and disconnect aerial and connecting cable and earth wire)
4) Lay the controller front panel face down on a protective flat surface
5) Double click on the update file and a screen similar to that to the top-right will appear
6) Connect the USB cable to the PC
7) Hold down the Boot-loader switch at the same time as connecting to the USB port on the rear of the controller (image right) – this will power the controller from the PC
8) The screen on the PC should now advise that the system is connected and the Install button will changed from greyed-out to active.
9) Click Install and the software will be automatically uploaded to the controller checked
10) A screen (right) confirms the update in progress
11) When complete – click finish and the window will close
12) If Windows asks if the programme installed ok – click yes
13) Disconnect the USB cable
14) Reassemble the controller and turn on
15) The controller will now be running the new software (validated in Show Systems Data menu)









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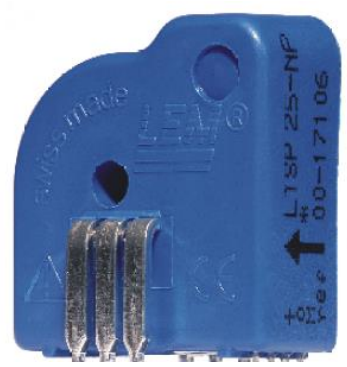
12 Appendix 2 - Secondary Current Sense Option

PSU and Relay interface Boards fitted with Current sensors are an optional extra.

Some markets and operators may require that as part of the operational validation the current in the lighting circuit is measured to ensure that the current flowing is as expected (calibrated at the time of installation).

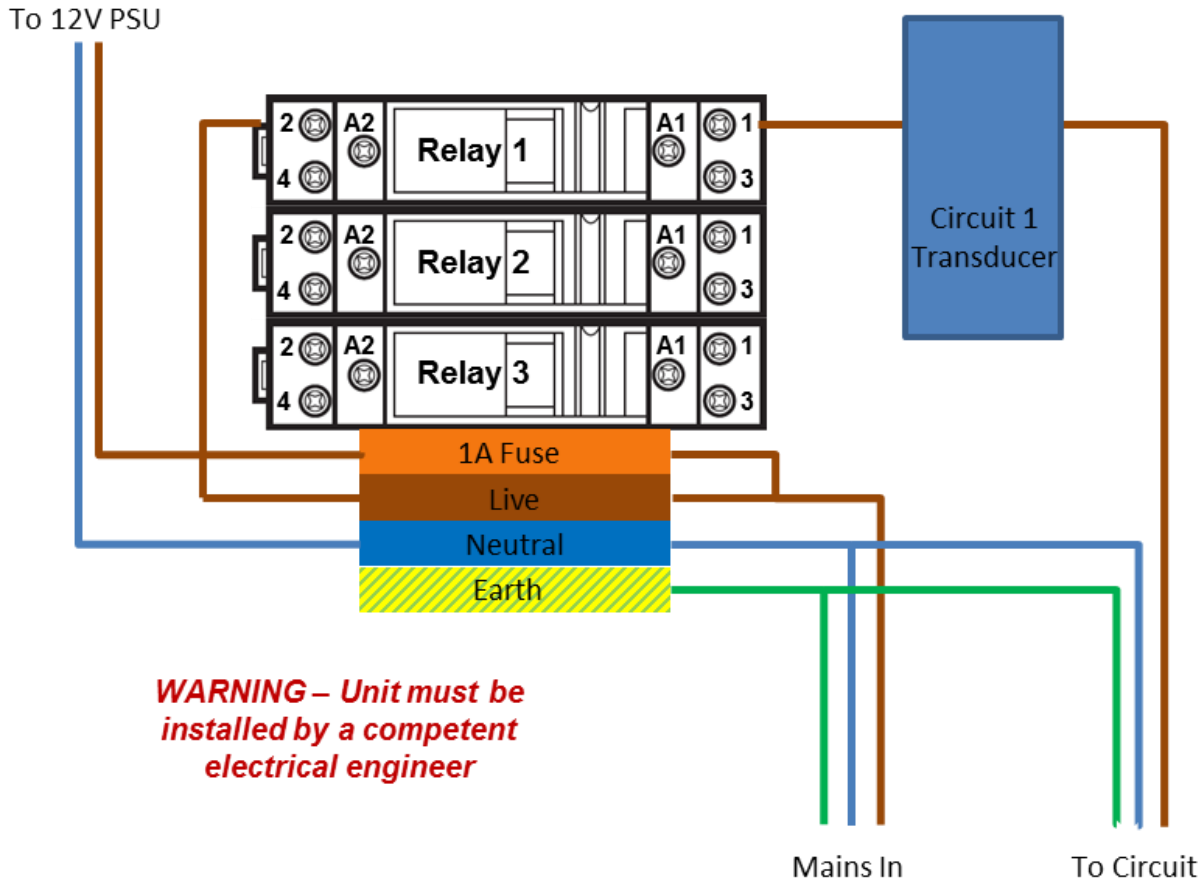


To achieve this the PSU and Relay interface Board has a non-contact current measuring transducer for each circuit (left). Each transducer is capable and calibrated to measure AC currents up to 20A and the software is designed to detect this circuit current.

The inclusion of these measuring devices does not complicate the wiring other than requiring that a single conductor is passed through the hole in the centre of the device.

Note that current measuring cannot be performed on the circuit current if a contactor or other secondary switching device is used.

A simplified circuit diagram is shown below for a single switched circuit with current sensing:



Follow the instructions given in the earlier section.

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13 Appendix 3 – Factory Default Settings

The following are the Factory default settings:

Item	Default Setting	Comment
LCD Backlight	On	Option = Auto
Backlight timeout period	1 minute	Cannot be changed
In-Menu timeout period	10 minutes	Cannot be changed
Heater Enable	Auto	Option = Off
VHF Frequency	122.800MHz	
VHF/GSM/Keypad Timeout	15 minutes	Range 1 – 60 minutes
VHF Threshold	-75dBm	Range 0dBm -110dBm
'Click' period	100mS	Range 1 – 250mS
VHF Active	On	Option = Off
GSM Active	On	Option = Off
User PIN	0000	
Operator PIN	1111	
Mimic PIN	9990	
Unit ID	Set to Unit Serial Number	Goes to 0000 on Software re-load
Wind Units	Knots	Options: mph, kph
Temperature Units	Celsius	Fahrenheit
Dewpoint Units		Note: Temperature and Dewpoint change together
Barometric Pressure Units	HectoPascals	Options: mbar, inHg
Meteo Unit (Site) Altitude (Above Mean Sea Level)	0 feet	Used to adjust pressure reading
Channel 1 Relay(s)	1	Options: any combination
Channel 2 Relay(s)	2	Options: any combination
Channel 3 Relay(s)	3	Options: any combination

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14 Appendix 4 – Aerials and Cables

14.1 Mains Cables, Switches and Fuses

No external mains cables, switches or fuses are supplied with the RLC. It is the responsibility of the owner/installer to ensure that the installation is carried out in such a manner as to ensure the safety of the installation and that it meets all of the relevant local regulations.

14.2 GSM Aerial

The RLC is supplied with a GSM aerial which must be attached to the socket on top or base of the unit (Enclosure V1) or remotely mounted (Enclosure V2 onwards).

For the top-mounted stub aerial, ensure that it is a secure fit but do not over-tighten.

The remote GSM aerial is supplied with suitable coax cable fitted with an SMA connector.

An aerial extension cable may be used but, to avoid undue cable losses, keep the cable as short as possible (total max 10m).

14.3 VHF Aerial

The RLC is not supplied with any of the VHF aerial components required.

Inventory

For installations with good signal strength a simple mag-mount whip antenna (example upper right: Aviator-2 WSM-225) maybe all that is required.

It is recommended that a higher gain antenna is used. A pole mounted air-band aerial (example lower right: Diamond D-777).

This should be specified and installed by an experienced aerial installer.

You are strongly recommended to fit a Static Surge Protector into the down-feed (example: SP-350V).

A typical installation would need:

1) 1 off aerial type e.g. D-777
2) 1 off aerial mounting bracket
3) 1 off Static Surge Protector e.g. type SP-350V
4) 1 off link cable (between aerial and SP-350V) fitted with PL-259 plugs each end
5) 50ohm down-cable (length/type to suit installation – see over)
6) 1 off PL-259 plug to connect to SP-350V, and
7) 50ohm BNC Plug to connect to RLC.

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VHF Cable

For a long run you may want to use RG213 cable (this has an outside diameter of 10.3mm).

For a short run you may want to use RG58 cable (this has an outside diameter of 4.99mm).

At the controller end you will need to terminate in a BNC plug which are available for both of the above.

When installing cable it is not just the diameter of the trunking but two areas are critical and the contractor should be aware:

1) All cables are specified with a Minimum Bending Radius (MBR). Check the data sheet but this is usually a minimum of 10 times the diameter so for the RG213 above is 103mm (4")
2) Kinking or twisting of the cable must be avoided. If a cable is 'bent', even when straightened out again, the internal core will be permanently damaged and cause additional loss and unwanted signal reflections in the cable.

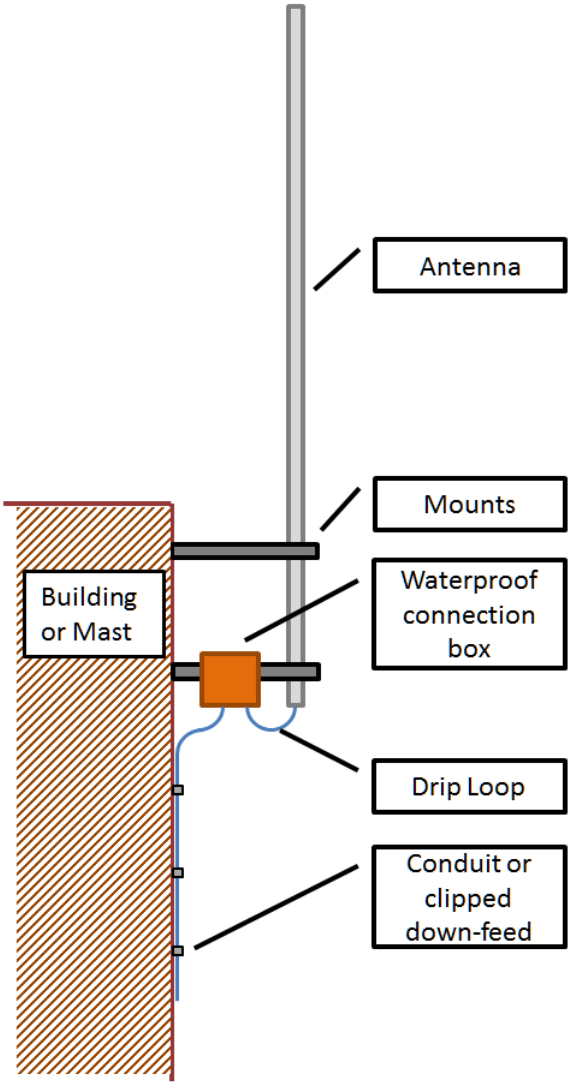
Customers are advised to make sure that:

1) Their contractor is experienced in installing and terminating such cables
2) The cable-ways, ducts, trunking etc. allow for easy bends that exceed the MBR and provide good support
3) The installation work is closely monitored
4) Their installer performs a TDR (Time Domain Reflectometry) test and presents this as part of his certification of installation (the TDR test will both demonstrate that the cable has not been damaged and provide you with a reference document for future audits or checks).

Installation

The diagram to the right gives a suggested general layout for an aerial installation.

Your installer will be able to advise on the details specific to your installation.



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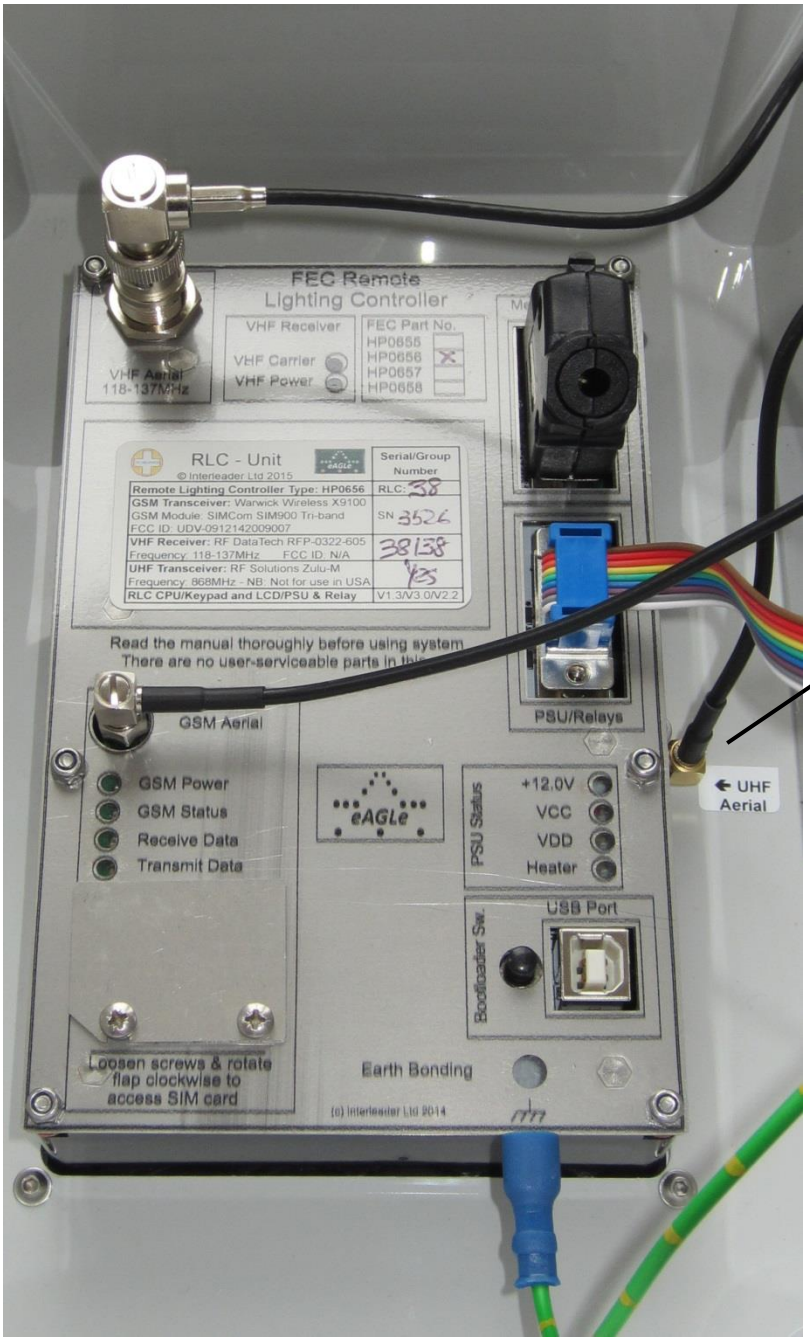
14.4 UHF Aerial

If the RLC has been specified with a UHF interface to control Battery HeliLights then the enclosure will be wired for the external UHF aerial (supplied with the unit) and an external SMA connector provided on the base of the enclosure (Version V3*).

The internal wiring of the unit is as below:



UHF Aerial socket on side of keypad enclosure

Note that the UHF aerial connectors are gold, GSM are silver.

The UHF socket is on the side of the keypad enclosure where indicated. Care should be taken when removing and fitting the plug and it is best gently tightened with a slim jaw 8mm open-ended spanner.

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15 Appendix 5 – Mounting and Connection of MetPak

15.1 Mounting arrangements

The MetPak unit is supplied with all the necessary fixings to attach to a mounting pole. Instructions and tips about mounting are all contained in the manuals supplied on the enclosed Gill Instruments CD.

Pay particular attention to the following:

Positioning

1. Mount at the top of and away from the mounting pole (i.e. ensure the head is clear of and not beside the pole)
2. Clear of close obstructions likely to influence the readings (e.g. trees, buildings (wind) and air-conditioning fans (wind and temperature & RH)
3. So as not to cause an obstruction to aircraft movements
4. **Ensure that the head is correctly aligned to North** (there are diagrams in the Gill Instruments manual which identify this)

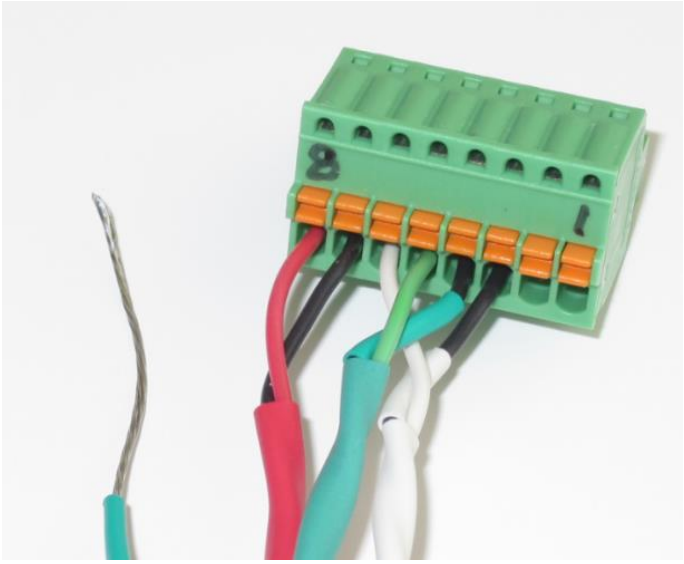
Electrical

1. Ensure that the mast and MetPak are earthed with suitably sized grounding cable (the MetPak has an earth bonding point on the mounting arm)
2. The signal cable is properly and securely connected
3. The shield wire of the signal cable is connected to the Grounding point in the connector box (see photo later)
4. The signal cable is securely supported in conduit, trunking and fixed with tape, clips or wrap-ties at short centres

15.2 Signal Cable – Enclosure Version 2

For Version 2 enclosures, the MetPak is supplied with 30m of 3 pair screened (Belden type 9503 or similar) data cable and has been terminated both ends (see photo below for MetPak end) and fully tested before shipment with the MetPak.

The cable The installer should familiarise themselves with the operation of the 8 way plug-in connector of the MetPak end.



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Note that the cable is made up of 3 twisted pairs and a screen:

1) Red and Black
2) White and Black
3) Green and Black
4) Outer screen

The Red, White and Green sleeving round the pairs in the photograph have been added as the cable is made up to aid identification and ease of installation. The outer screen has a thin green sleeve.

If the cable is extended or shortened, the pairing must be maintained or the unit may not operate or even be damaged.

Lengths up to 150m can be supplied at additional cost.

15.3 MetPak Connections

Connection Number	Colour	Comment
1	None	
2	None	
3	Black with White Sleeve	
4	Black with Green Sleeve	
5	Green	
6	White	
7	Black	
8	Red	
Ground Screw	Green shield wire	A crimp eye can be attached after the cable is inserted

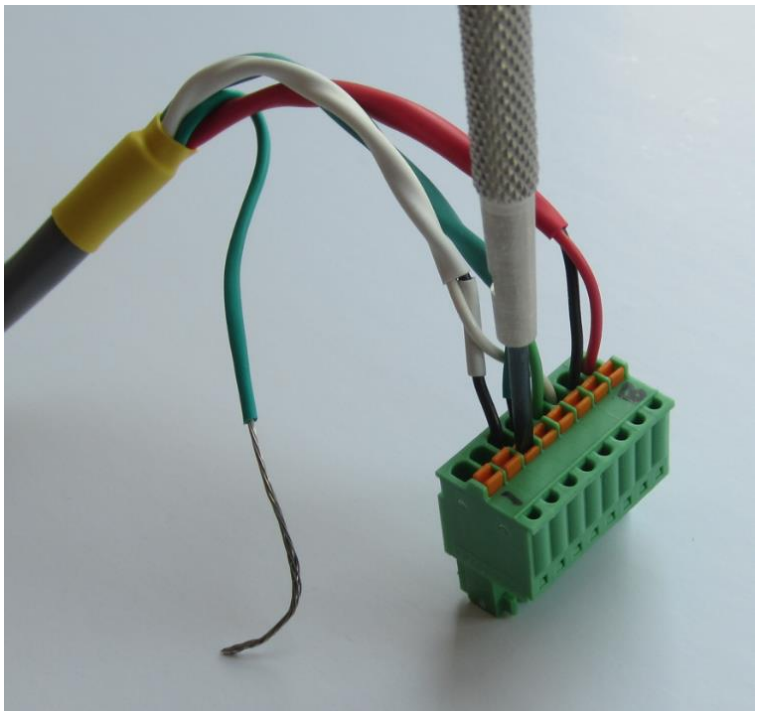
15.4 The MetPak Connector

The first operation is to release the connector from the cable.

To do this, hold the connector face down and apply pressure to each release ‘switch’ in turn with a small screwdriver while at the same time gently easing the cable out (Photo right).

Once the ‘switches’ are fully depressed the wire can be easily released. DO NOT FORCE or the connector will be damaged.

Insertion of the wires is the reverse operation – hold down the switch, fully insert the wire and release the switch. Gently pull on the wire to ensure it is secure.



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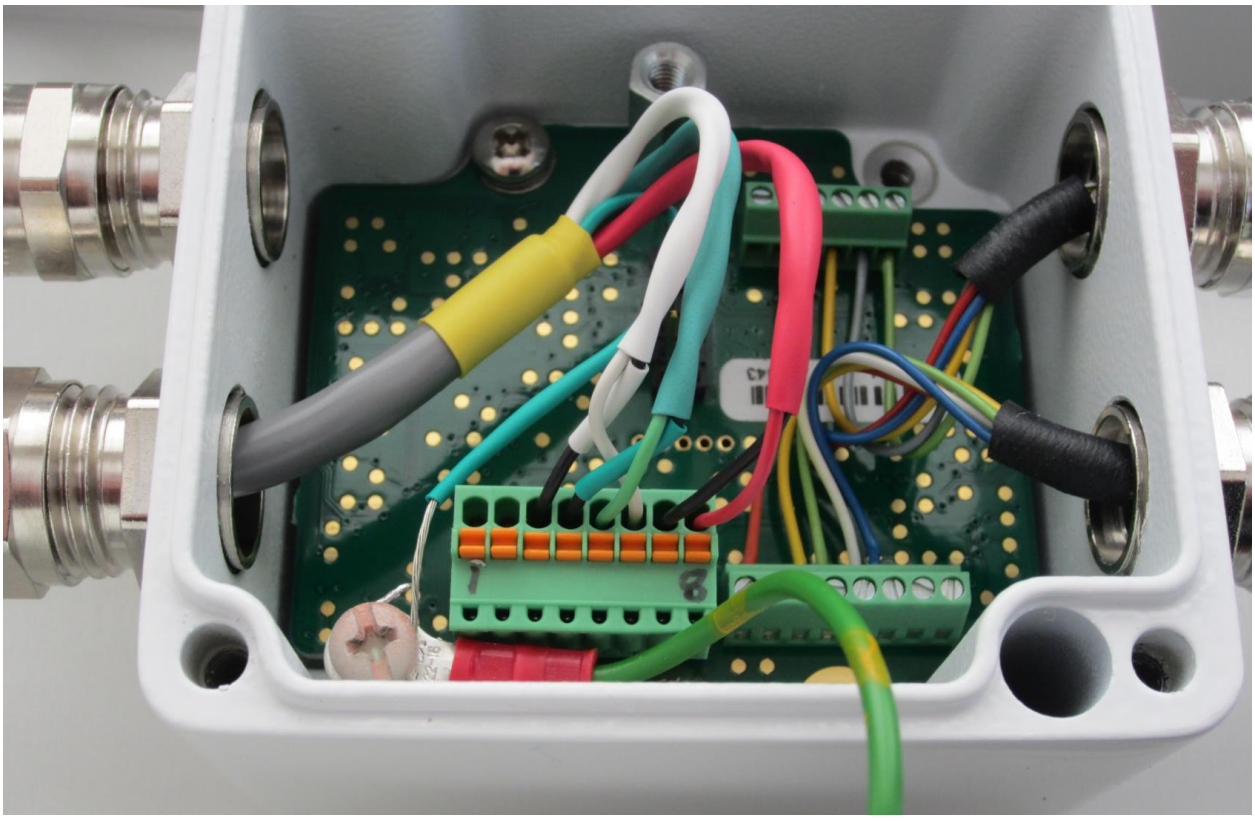
15.5 Connecting the MetPak

It is suggested that if possible connection to the MetPak is carried out at ground level or on a platform rather than once the MetPak has been permanently mounted. Once this stage is completed care must be taken not to put strain on the cable during the completion of the task.

The entry cable gland of the connection box is fitted with both an IP rated sealing ring and also a spring steel cable grip (internal to the connector). This allows a cable to be easily pushed into the box but stops it being withdrawn. Take care to insert only sufficient cable to make the connection (see photo below for guidance). If the cable does have to be withdrawn, release the lock nut fully and withdraw all of the cable gland/clamp components.

The order of activity is:

1) Open the box lid
2) Slacken the cable gland (note leave the blanked one)
3) Pass sufficient cable through the gland to allow easy connection
4) Fit each of the wires in the correct position in the connector
    - Note it is much easier to push the connector fully home and then fit the wires as described on the previous page
5) Either fit a crimp eye to the screen wire or make a loop (as shown in photo) and attach to the Grounding screw and re-tighten
6) Double check that all wires are secure by gently pulling each in turn
7) Re-tighten the cable gland sufficiently to make a seal
8) Refit the box lid and re-tighten screws
9) Securely mount the MetPak and ensure it is level and facing north



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15.6 Signal Cable – Enclosure Version 3

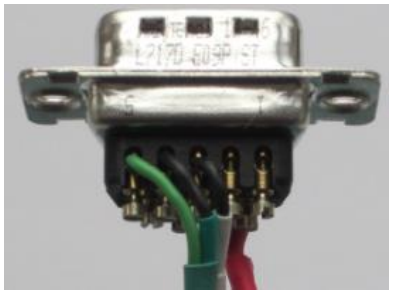
For Version 3 enclosures, the MetPak is supplied with 30m of 3 pair screened (Belden type 9503 or similar) data cable and has been terminated and installed at the MetPak end and fully tested before shipment. The RLC end has been prepared ready for installation.

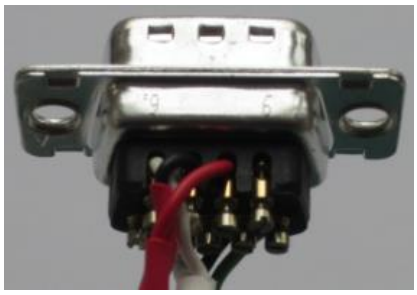
Unless absolutely necessary it is strongly recommended that the data cable is not separated from the MetPak but that the installation is performed with it connected. If removal is necessary, follow the guidance in the previous sections with regard to removal and re-fitting.

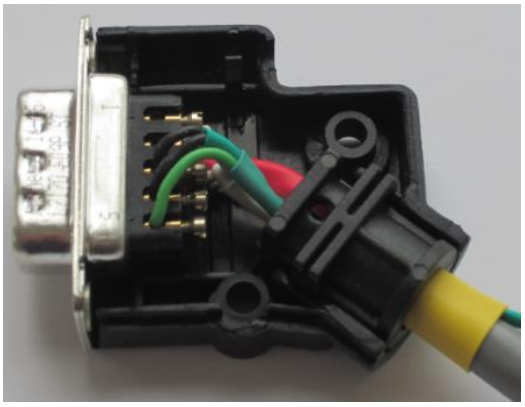
To install the cable into the RLC:

1) Slacken the retention screw and remove the 9 Way D-Type plug fitted to the 'Meteo' socket on the rear of the RLC keypad.
2) Remove the 2 screws holding the connector shell together and separate the two halves making sure that the cable gland inserts and retaining screw are not lost.
3) Remove the blanking plug from the cable gland in base of the RLC and pass sufficient of the MetPak data cable through to make an easy connection with the unit. At this stage no not tighten the cable gland.
4) Using a small bladed screw driver carefully connect the pre-prepared wires according to the following table. **DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN THE CREWS**

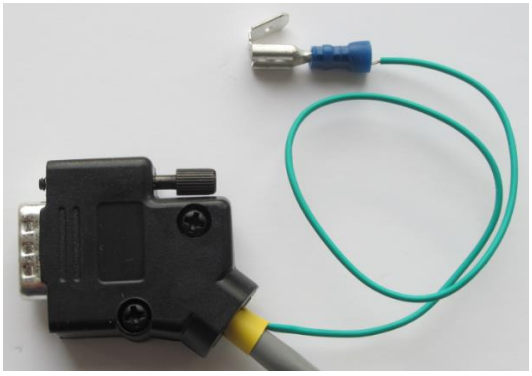
1	**2**	**3**	**4**	**5**
No Connection	No Connection	Black/White	Black/Green	Green
6	**7**	**8**	**9**	**'Piggy Back' Connector**
White	Black/Red	Red	No Connection	Earth Wire







5) Fit the connector into the shell as shown opposite with the cable glands and then the retaining screw.
6) Refit the second half of the shell and replace screws.
7) Crimp the 4mm Piggy Back connector (supplied) onto the earthing wire (opposite).
8) Fit the connector to the RLC and tighten the retaining screw by hand only
9) Fit the Piggy-Back connector to the back panel earth bonding point and connect the earth lead to it.
10) Re-assemble the RLC and commission (over).



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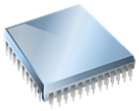
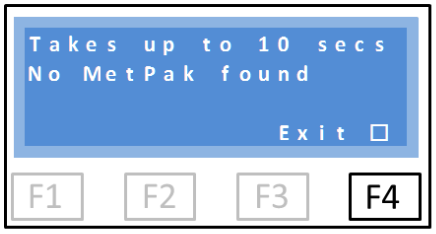
15.7 Commissioning the MetPak

Via the RLC menu Screen enter the Meteo Setup Menu:

Meteo>PIN>Sys>Setup>Sys>Meteo>Test

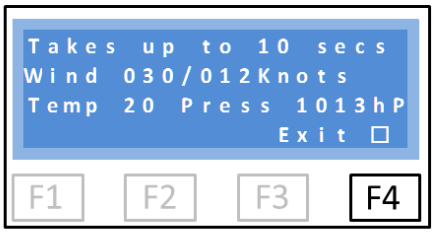


Level 7 – MetPak Test Utility
Continuously reads from MetPak
Press 'F4' to Exit



Screen is as above if no MetPak feed is found
Press 'F4' to Exit
(may take a second or two to respond)

Screen is as above if MetPak feed is found but data stream is corrupted
Press 'F4' to Exit
(may take a second or two to respond)



Screen is as above if MetPak feed is found and data stream is OK
Note units are the default values and pressure uncorrected for altitude
Press 'F4' to Exit

The RLC will continually search for the MetPak and data.

If no MetPak is detected, the screen will show: ***No MetPak Found***

If a MetPak is found but there is a data error then the screen will show: ***MetPak Data Error***

If the MetPak is found and the data is good, the screen will show:

Wind 0XX/0YY Knots

Temp ZZ Press ABCDhP

Note that these are a sub-set of the full report and in the default units of the MetPak.

Using other sources of data (local meteorological reports, hand held instruments etc.) to confirm that the readings are as expected.

NB – The pressure reading is the raw pressure reading from the MetPak uncorrected for the station altitude. Refer to earlier sections of the manual to ensure that the units and altitude are set correctly.

Using a GSM phone and with the RLC at the main menu, text the RLC for its status. The Meteorological data will be appended to the text in the chosen units and corrected for station altitude if entered.

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16 Appendix 6 – Mounting Template

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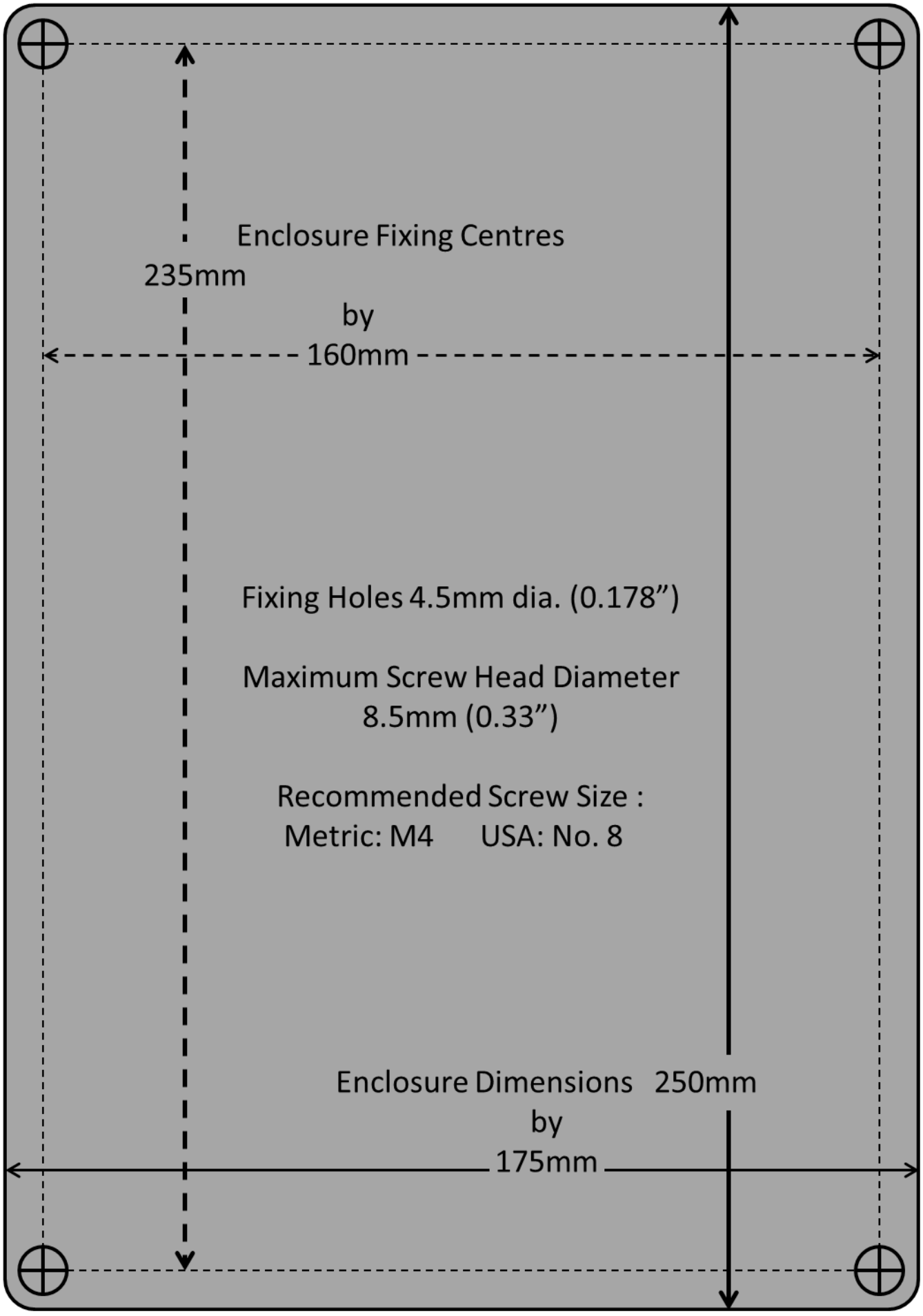

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